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With visions of Christmas trees, Santa Claus and gingerbread dancing in his head, Ryot Munshaw of Haliburton dashes off a letter to St. Nick. His grandmother, Pat (above, right) happens to be Santa's assistant at the Haliburton post office. She makes sure every letter gets to the North Pole on time.

St. Nick's Highlands helpers busy at work

CATHY OLLIFFE
Staff Reporter

Once upon a time, before the population of the world exploded exponentially, Santa Claus received only a few thousand letters at Christmastime.

Even that was a lot to handle for the cheerful old guy in the red suit and he and the Missus burnt the midnight oil on many

occasions reading letters from anxious tykes who wanted to make it absolutely crystal clear that they had been very, very good and deserved a present or two under the tree on Christmas morning.

And then, because Santa didn't want to offend any of them, he took the time to scribble off a note in his fine, round-ed script to each and every boy

and girl who had written him.

That was a lot of work. Especially at this time of year when the push is on at Santa's workshop to get all the toys made and crated up for their long journey on Christmas Eve.

When more and more letters started arriving Santa's stress levels went way, way up.

See Santa page 4

Rails End staff laid off, told to re-apply under new job descriptions

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts says the creation of new job descriptions have prompted it to lay off its three gallery workers.

Guild president Barry Hayward says the board struggled with finding a different way of implementing the changes the new job descriptions require.

"These decisions were not performance based," he said Monday morning, three days after he phoned director/curator Laurie Carmount, financial manager Susan Ball and gallery assistant Yvonne Souriel with the news.

"No one is saying we're not happy with their work; it doesn't take away from their achievements... The intent wasn't that we were being criti-

cal... We felt the fairest way to do this was to lay them off and have them re-apply so they'd know exactly what their jobs are (under the new job descriptions), and they've been encouraged by the board to do that."

The new role of the director/curator is a pivotal part of the new changes. Right now, the job is part-time, but the new job description requires a full-time person.

Carmount, who has two young children, has told the board she is unable to work full-time. Ironically, last summer she handed in her resignation over the issue before Hayward convinced her to reconsider.

"I think we were clear and consistent that these jobs would change but we didn't want to do it in the middle of the season," Hayward says.

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County under pressure to sign on with regional groundwater study

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County council has less than three weeks to decide if it wants to spend \$46,000 to join a regional groundwater study.

While councillors balked at being pressured to make such a commitment, they also feared that if they didn't, they could be forced to undertake the study any way at a much higher cost.

Right now, the Ministry of Environment is willing to pay 85% of the cost of a groundwater study for the Trent water-

shed. That study is expected to cost \$1.4-million; the remaining \$210,000 cost would be shared amongst municipalities (or counties) with lands within the watershed.

Haliburton County contains the Trent's headwaters. Based on the number of well heads and the geographic region for aquifers, its share would be \$45,512. Council has until December 19 to take the Ministry up on its offer.

At last Wednesday's county

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Hodgson recalls his building days

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news and events worth noting

THE FALL EDITION of Ontario HomeBuilder magazine has a smiling Chris Hodgson on the cover and featured in a four page article. Hodgson is the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He grew up in Haliburton, where he worked in construction during his university years. Hodgson tells the magazine "those were the best years of my life in terms of a sense of accomplishment. At the end of the day you can see what you have done, whereas in politics, you have to take a longer view of it. When you're pouring concrete and building a basement, you can see the result of your work at the end of the day, and the sense of accomplishment is immediate."

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Comedian Lorne Elliott is bringing his Cabin Fever Tour to several places in the region next year: Peterborough Feb. 7 (705-742-7469); Lindsay Feb. 8 (1-888-0038); and Orillia Feb. 11 (705-326-8011). Performances are at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$23.50. Elliott is well-known as the host of CBC Radio's Madly Off in all Directions.

New MNR guide to end clearcutting in Ontario

Ontario will put an end to old-style clearcutting in Ontario's forests by 2005, Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen announced last week.

"This is something everyone can agree on – the forests of Ontario must be managed in a more environmentally sensitive way," Snobelen said. "This guide will help us harvest trees better and smarter. The area we harvest will stay the same – less than one-third of one percent of Ontario's forested land – all of which is regenerated."

Under the new guide, the practice of leaving no trees standing in a forested area will end. The new guide calls for the forestry industry to use nature as its guide – a system known as Natural Disturbance Pattern Emulation.

Harvested areas will now vary in shape and size, and trees will be left behind to ensure successful and healthy regeneration of the forest. This variation also creates a variety of desirable habitats for wildlife in Ontario's forested regions – habitats appealing to a diverse range of wildlife, including the American marten, the woodland caribou and the great gray owl.

"With the completion of the Natural Disturbance Pattern Emulation Guide, the province is moving on to begin work on the next important innovation and sustainable forest management," said Snobelen. "The planned 'landscape level' guide will integrate broad-level forest management planning guidelines for a number of important ecological factors, such as wildlife habitat and old growth conservation."

"This government recognizes that our woodlands are an important source of raw material and jobs," Minister Snobelen said. "But all parties agree that we must embrace forestry practices that are more environmentally friendly and sustainable."

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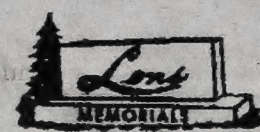
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Downed hydro wire lights road on fire, cuts power for 1,400 residents

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A 7,200 watt live hydro line became a deadly light show when it was knocked to the ground by falling branches encased in last week's freezing ice storm.

Sheri Hawkins, a Scott's Dam Rd. resident, was the first to see the fallen hydro lines in front of her home at 9:15 AM on Nov. 29.

"I was scared. The light was incredible. I didn't know it was the Hydro. When the lights lit the whole inside of my house and I went inside my kitchen then [the light] started to go inside there."

Upon looking outside she said, "The whole wire was on fire. The whole road was on fire." When she saw the road on fire, she told herself, "Baby, I'm cutting out of here quick."

Right before leaving her home she called her neighbour Sally Moore to notify neighbours and the hydro company. She avoided the road and walked through the forest surrounding her home to stay clear of the fire so close to her home.

"All I could see was the road on fire," she said. Pointing at her vehicles sitting on the edge of the road, she said, "If the electricity hits the gas...bang."

The fallen lines closed the Scott's Dam Rd. and left area residents without power for a few hours until Hydro One was able to restore power to the vicinity just before noon.

Residents from as far south as County Road 121 and far north as Donald along County Road 1 were without power because of this particular incident.

Hydro One says there were 1,400 residents without power at any given time between Thursday night and Friday evening. Hydro power was restored by Friday evening.

At the scene Hydro One Lineman, Tom Haley who works out of the Minden office, said the crew worked through the night and into the day answering similar calls. He emphasizes the importance of people staying away from live hydro lines.

"If that lady would have walked out on the road here and got much closer [than she did]..." Haley trails off. "If [the hydro line] decides to do a little dance across the road you don't know where it might go. Stay as far away as you can and call the hydro," Haley said.

Hydro One spokesman Alan Manchec said there were 14,000 customers affected by the storm from as far south as Peterbor-



Hydro One linemen Tom Haley walks back to the service truck coiling the smoldering hydro line as another linemen works up in the bucket truck on the hydro pole with concerned resident Sally Moore looking on.

ough and as far north as Bancroft. Calls to the company began Thursday and they were

forced to bring in 22 lines crews from other parts of Central Ontario to cope with the

increase of calls. The full restoration of power was achieved by Saturday at 6 PM.

County to sell its depleted gravel pit on Hwy 28

The following are brief reports of roads-related items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

A gravel pit the county owns on Hwy 28 at McGillivray Road has been depleted of its aggregates and will be put up for sale.

But before the property is advertised, the county would like to rezone the land. An appraiser has said that the price would increase by \$10,000 if the land was rezoned from residential to commercial.

However, the county first has to ascertain whether the commercial zoning is in accordance with the Official Plan of the township of Cardiff, where the land is located.

Unhappy with Hydro One

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed is concerned about the brushing done by Hydro One along County Road 12.

"They've taken everything right off," Shortreed com-

plained. "They even did the side slopes. It's completely bare. There's no doubt there will be wash outs."

County roads engineer Roy Haig says Hydro One does not plan to reseed the damaged areas. He too is unhappy with such an approach and was able to prevent Hydro One from doing the same type of work along County Road 1.

High school culvert

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board will be asked to lower a new culvert that was put in place this summer near the high school in Haliburton.

The new culvert is at the base of the creek that runs beside the high school and empties out into Head Lake. When the new culvert was installed, it was put in about a foot higher than the previous one. This is causing water to back up all the way along the creek to a swampy area near County Road 1 at the entrance to JDHES.

There were no problems in the dry summer, but with the autumn rains there have been flooding problems on County Road 1. Warden Murray Fearrey noted that County Road 1 is very susceptible to wet conditions and the work done by the board "is having a negative impact on our road."

If the school board doesn't want to do the work, the county will do it and then bill the board.

Slow down

Speed limits will be reduced on stretches of two roads.

Drivers will have to slow down to 60 km/hr on 4.8 kilometres of South Lake Road, from Hwy 35 to 200 metres east of Hamilton Road. The previous speed limit was 80 km/hr.

Residents along the stretch of McGillivray Road that was recently reconstructed will be pleased to know that council has agreed to their request to reduce the speed limit there to 50 km/hr.



Signs of winter's return

A Pontiac Grand Am heading south along the Buckhorn Road, between Glamour Lk. Rd and Pine Lk. Rd., lost control on a curve and rolled down the ditch ending up on its roof on Thursday, Nov. 29 at approximately 11 am. Haliburton resident, Ray Bennett and his occupant were unhurt in the accident. Freezing rain and the icy road conditions contributed to the accident.

Santa gets so many letters, he needs special elves' help

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Sometimes he got his replies mixed up, sending a letter to Johnny in West Guilford who wanted a toy truck instead of to Jenny in Saskatoon who wanted a new doll. That mix-up didn't go over well with either Johnny or Jenny. Sometimes entire bags of letters disappeared, never to be seen again.

"It wasn't a good situation. I just couldn't cope with the sheer volume of letters I was getting," Santa told *The Echo* in a phone interview from his home at the North Pole. "I needed some help."

Everyone knows Santa has helpers. There are Santa's birds who perch in the trees and Santa's elves who peek into windows, watching little kids to make sure they're behaving themselves all year long. There are Santa's retailers who stock up on special-order toys, blenders, perfume and tacky neckties that can't be made in the workshop. And there's the occasional department store Santa, a highly trained actor who fills in for St. Nick when he's double-booked.

"Magic can only take you so far," Santa said. "After that you need helpers."

When the letters began to number in the millions, sometime around 1952, Santa said "Enough is enough!" and asked post offices all over the world to give him a hand.

From that point on, every post office has had an official helper. This is an honorary position, done without pay, by loving people who really care about the Santa letter-writing tradition.

In Haliburton the official helper for the last few years has been Patricia Munshaw, a friendly grandma with post office connections. Her husband, Butch, and her daughter, Trish, both work for Canada Post in Haliburton so when the

time came for Santa to appoint a volunteer, Pat's name came up.

"It is such a neat thing to do," Pat said. "It really is."

Last week's weather wasn't the greatest: outside the fir trees were loaded with a coat of ice but inside the Munshaws' log house on Sandy Cove Rd. it was cozy and warm and felt just like Christmas. The table was loaded with Christmas crafts Pat made for a sale in Wilberforce last Saturday and on a little side table was a gingerbread house made by her grandson, Ryot, for his Junior Kindergarten class. It's obvious that the Munshaw family loves Christmas. No wonder Santa picked Pat to be his helper!

Like other helpers at post offices all over Canada, it's Pat's job to make Santa's job as easy as possible. When children write letters to Santa at the North Pole (postal code H0H 0H0), post office employees sort them in a separate mailbag and save them for Pat. She brings them home, reads them and sorts them according to the following categories: the age of the writers, the type of presents they require and how good they've been. She writes a brief summary of each letter and makes sure the correct return addresses are on all letters. This can be a bit of a challenge when kids forget to write their return addresses.

"I've had a few letters without return addresses," Pat says. "Nothing's worse than sending a letter to Santa and not getting a reply. It would break someone's heart if they wrote something and Santa didn't respond to it."

Pat works extremely hard to figure out return addresses for those kids who have forgotten to write it down. Luckily people at the post office know pretty much everyone in town and can often help Pat track down the proper addresses.

When all the addresses are

accounted for and letters summarized, Pat ships off to the North Pole in a neat package. Santa's elves carry all the bags of mail to the official North Pole Mail Room and prepare millions of prettily decorated form letters. To these letters Santa adds a personal greeting and signs his name. Then the elves bundle up all the replies and mail them back to Pat, who sends them off to local youngsters.

It's a big job and sometimes Pat gets her daughter to help. But it's also very satisfying. There's nothing she likes better than reading all the letters.

"The little ones are great. To hear their little stories is nice," she said. "We giggle at a lot of the letters."

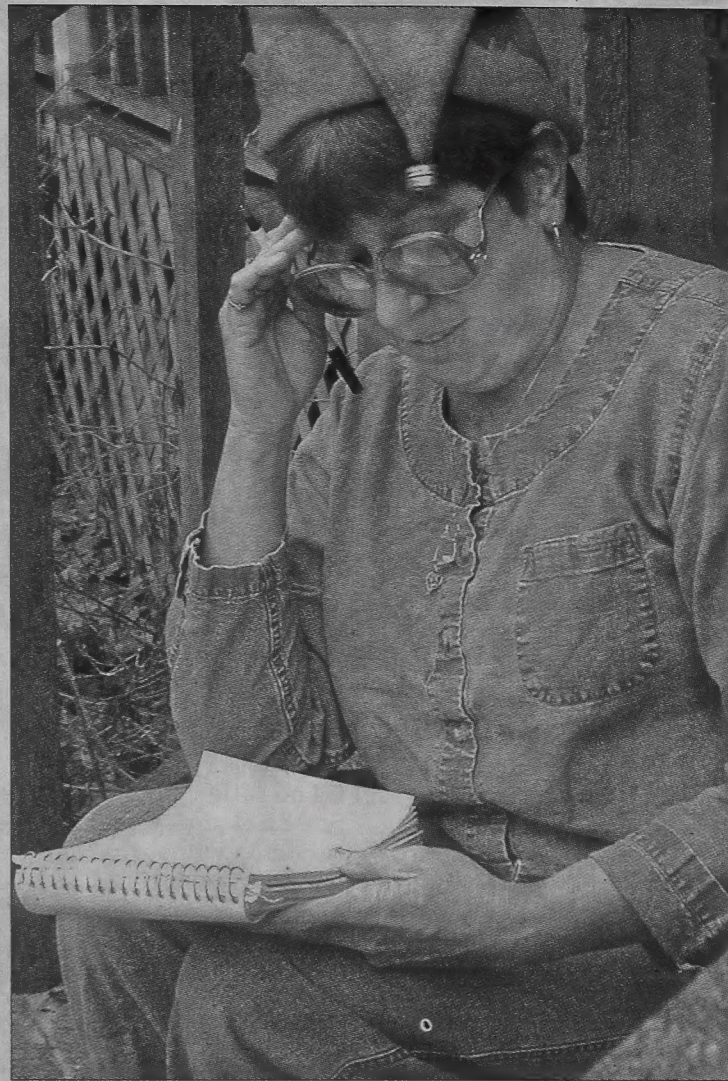
Sometimes they almost make her cry.

"Last year we got a letter from a child, whose only wish was to make her mommy's legs better," Pat says. She made a special note in her summary to Santa, asking him what he could do to help.

Those kind of letters are the exception, rather than the rule. Most often children want to know how everything is going and then cut to the chase and list what they want for Christmas. One kid asked for a truck "and anything else Santa wants to bring." Another kid actually cut out three pages from the catalogue and suggested stores where Santa might buy the toys in case they're not manufactured in Santa's Workshop. Still another youngster asked Santa to bring a Porsche for his dad.

"Lots of them want to know how Mrs. Claus is. One of them wanted to know if it's true that there is a humongous candy cane at the North Pole," Pat says. Sometimes children send artwork, which Mrs. Claus hangs on her fridge.

Last year Haliburton kids of all ages sent between 200 and



CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo

Santa's elf, Pat Munshaw, prepares a summary of requests for Santa. She reminds parents to include a return address on children's letters to the North Pole.

300 letters to Santa. The busiest time for Pat is on Mondays because children often write their letters on the weekend. The Santa Claus Parade is also a busy time because letters are collected at the parade, although Pat only received a dozen or so at this year's parade. Things really heat up in the weeks and days just before Christmas and sometimes Pat even gets letters after the big day. True to form, she ships those letters off to Santa too, who has a chuckle and writes tardy replies.

Some of the cutest letters come from children who are just learning to write and these are also the hardest for Pat to decipher - it's also when Santa needs Pat the most. His old eyes just can't see as good as they used to, even when he's wearing his little half-moon reading

glasses, so he relies on Pat to try and figure out what the child is writing. "Oh yes, it's difficult to get the drift of the letter, to understand everything they're saying," Pat says. Regardless, she loves reading them. "It's fun to read them and see how their little minds work. Some of them are so cute."

In the years Pat has been the official helper for Haliburton she has developed quite a rapport with Santa Claus and he likes to share his experiences with her.

"Santa gets lots of milk and cookies and carrots for his reindeer," she says. "No wonder he has such a large suit - he eats everything that's left out for him. He's a very lucky man!"

"I'm lucky, all right," Santa agrees. "Lucky to have a great person like Pat helping me out."

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County council briefs

Fish hatchery reels in support from county's warden

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting. This was the last meeting with Warden Murray Fearrey as chair. A new warden will be chosen by county councillors at a meeting on December 11.

Council should consider a request for funding from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association even though the county has a policy which says it won't make donations to non-profit organizations, Warden Murray Fearrey said.

"The county can't fund everything so we need to prioritize and in my view, this is one of our priorities," Fearrey said after a presentation from HHOA president Larry Hewitt.

The HHOA wants the county to contribute to a trust fund it hopes to set up with funding from the province. This trust fund, plus the interest in generates, would be used to help pay some of the expenses at the HHOA's fish hatchery.

"Volunteers don't get burned out by work, they get burned out by the stress of worrying where the money will come from," Hewitt says.

He outlined the HHOA's

achievements over the past decade, chief among them the construction of the hatchery and the subsequent project to stock lakes with Haliburton Gold, a glacial relic lake trout found only in the Highlands.

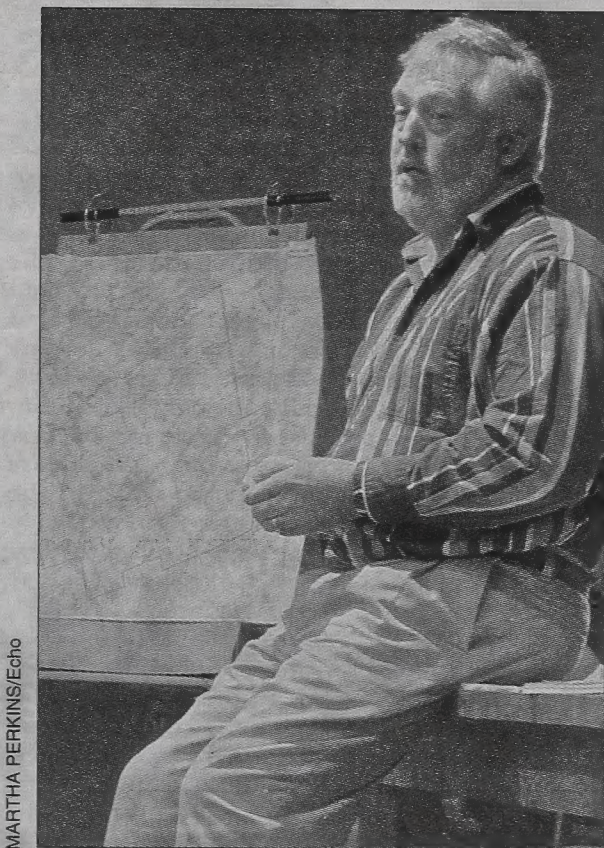
HHOA volunteers provided 7,000 hours of free labour last year alone. Fearrey said "If they get discouraged... Well, I just don't think we can allow that to happen."

Fearrey noted that fishing is an important part of the local economy, and with fish from the hatchery going to lakes within the county and beyond, the entire county should be supporting its efforts.

Fearrey believes the county should be able to find a way to support the HHOA even though its policy says it will not give grants to non-profit organizations. Fearrey noted that the county gives an annual grant to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

"We're buying a service (from the Chamber)," Minden Hills Ross Rigney responded in defence of the Chamber grant, to which Hewitt said "and we're delivering you fish."

The matter will be discussed during budget negotiations. In the meantime, the county is supporting the HHOA's request



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

to submit a funding application to the province's Ontario Living Legacy Trust.

As to his constant quest for funds, Hewitt says "I'm running a fine line between 'the squeaky wheel gets the grease' and 'the squawking chicken gets the ax.'"

Voice mail

If county council agrees to a staff suggestion to get a new telephone system that includes voice mail, there's going to be one rule: a real person has to answer the phone when someone calls the county office.

"I hate voice mail," Fearrey

said. "It smacks of big government and everyone knows how that rings (with the public)."

He cited frustration when trying to phone any branch of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the time it takes to go through the menu of options. He would not like callers to the county to have to go through that.

However, CAO Gary King reassured him that's not the system the staff had in mind. Instead, when someone phones him, he wants the caller to simply have the option of leaving a voice mail message.

"At least half of the week I'm away from my office," King said, arguing for the need of voice mail. "I'd like new and modern technology because it makes our job easier."

The county's treasurer, Shannon Hunter, says that if council agrees to invest in voice mail technology, a policy will have to be devised to ensure that staff don't use voice mail as a way of avoiding answering the phone.

Both Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East have similar services which they find helpful.

"I can live with that kind of a system," Fearrey said after staff outlined why they wanted voice mail. The possible purchase of equipment will be discussed during budget negotiations.

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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The non-profit housing corporation that runs Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Legion Apartments is facing a \$465,000 bill to make sure that both buildings meet the province's tough new standards for drinking water.

The province says the corporation should get the money to pay for new chlorination systems from its capital reserve fund.

The corporation says its capital reserve fund is needed for repairs to the aging buildings and the province should pick up the tab since the province established the new rules.

Unless a resolution can be found, property taxpayers will be picking up the tab when the corporation comes under the auspices of the social service alliance with the City of Kawartha Lakes next April.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which turned down a request for funding from the Haliburton Community Housing

Corporation, says the corporation has enough money in capital reserve fund to pay for the upgrades.

Jody Curry, chairperson of the corporation's nine-member board, says "if they force us to do that, then so be it, but it goes against the grain to deplete what we have. It's poor business."

Under new rules, any water system that services more than five households is required to chlorinate the water. Parklane has 50 units and Echo Hills has 45.

That chlorination system must then be run by a licensed operator who submits regular water samples to a private lab for testing. This is estimated to cost \$70,000 a year on top of the initial start-up cost for the two buildings, which would account for 85% of the corporation's capital reserve fund.

"We did a reserve fund study to show what we can expect to pay for in the next 20 years and we already don't have enough money," Curry says. "It's scary for us to deplete our resources."

The Parklane building is 15 years old and Echo Hills Legion

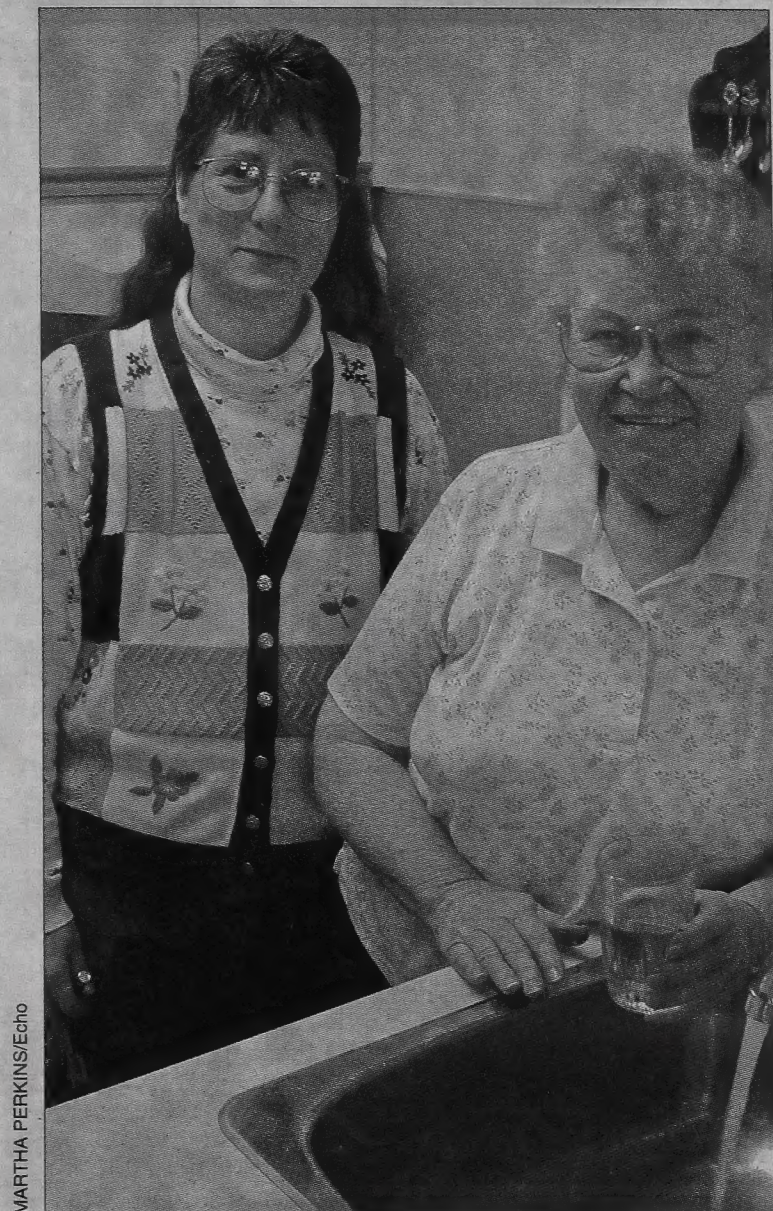
Apartments are almost 10 years old. The capital reserve fund, which has grown from annual subsidies from the province, is to pay for maintaining the buildings as they age. It would cover such things as roof repairs, new appliances and any necessary renovations.

Legally, the corporation cannot raise the money for the new water systems, which are required in the wake of the Walkerton tragedy, by raising rents. Thirty percent of the tenants pay market rent; 70% pay rent geared to income.

The responsibility for non-profit housing is being down-loaded to the social services alliance between Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes. They get their money from property taxes. So even if the Haliburton housing corporation dips into its capital reserve fund to pay for the new water system, property taxpayers won't be off the hook. They'll be obliged to pay for all the things the reserve fund was designed to cover.

"The big thing," Curry says,

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Barb Fawcett, administrator of Parklane Apartments, has been keeping residents such as Ev Stata up to date with the problems facing the building's water supply.

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Property taxpayers may have to foot chlorination bill

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"is to comply with the testing regulations and they are horrendous."

Some tests are daily, some weekly, some monthly.

"Schools have to comply, homes for the aged, nurseries," Curry says. "Do you know how expensive testing will be?"

The chlorine itself will cost only \$100 a year.

The irony is that once the chlorination is in place, manager Barb Fawcett suspects many residents won't like the taste. They'll be able to purchase a filter to attach to their tap to undo all the work of the chlorination system. But as long as the water which reaches the tap is chlorinated, the corporation is fulfilling its responsibilities.

A meeting has been set up with John Gutteridge, who is overseeing the social alliance, this week.

As well, MPP Chris Hodgson, who is also Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has been contacted.

"We believe Chris is interested as our MPP and we're hoping it will reach a satisfactory conclusion. He's always been so good to his constituents," Curry says.

"We're four months from being devolved to Kawartha Lakes and we think it needs to be resolved quickly," Fawcett adds. "We know Chris knows about it but we're dissatisfied with the Ministry saying they're not going to fund it."

What's adding even more urgency to the situation for the corporation's board members is a series of bad test results at Parklane in September.

As usual, Fawcett was sending regular water samples to the health unit for testing. In September tests from the same time period showed divergent results. While some tests would read zero parts of coliform, the next one would read two. (Once the number reaches five, a boil water order is issued for a public system.) At no time was any form of e.coli found in the water. (One strain of e.coli was responsible for the deaths in Walkerton.)

Because there was so much variation in the results, the corporation decided to send samples to a private lab in Lakefield for more extensive testing. That lab found that the percentage of "background bacteria" was too high.

"Most of it's good for you but if the numbers get too

high, they mask coliform," Curry says.

On a Wednesday, the lab notified Fawcett, the Ministry of Environment in Peterborough and the health unit that the test results were higher than acceptable. By Friday, the numbers were even higher. This time, Fawcett also got a call from the Ministry of Environment about the results. But neither the lab nor the Ministry told her what to do in response.

"On the Wednesday of the following week we finally were notified by the public health inspector that the health unit was putting out a boil water advisory," Fawcett says.

By this time, the building had done a manual chlorination process to flush out our pipes on the recommendation of the corporation's environmental engi-

neers.

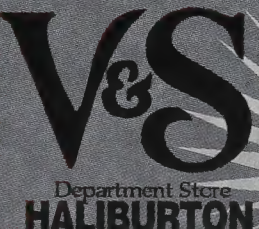
"We wanted to make sure our residents are safe and we don't want this to happen again," Fawcett says. At no time were the residents at risk, but since most of them are older, the corporation didn't want to take any chances. "No one has been in danger."

The boil water advisory was lifted after two weeks.

It's unknown what caused the problem. Parklane's well is only 45 feet and water levels were low this past summer because of the drought.

It's all been a frustrating experience for Fawcett and the board.

"The Ministry of Housing gives us no money (for the upgrades) and no solutions," Curry says. "I don't think we're trying to be unreasonable."



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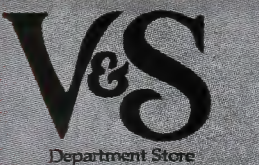
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The cost of our right to clean water

No one will ever dispute that the deaths in Walkerton in May of 2000 were a horrible wake-up call about the dangers facing our water supply. In the subsequent inquiries, it was startling to realize how easily everything could go so horribly wrong, even though there was a series of safeguards to prevent the contamination of the water system.

At the time, the fingers of blame pointed in many directions – at the water services manager, the municipality and the province. Given that several people lost their lives, the provincial government responded by introducing a whole new set of water rules in the hopes of preventing a similar disaster from ever happening again.

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On the surface, those rules are welcome. We all want to know that pouring ourselves a drink of water isn't a death sentence. But we're naive if we believed there isn't a cost associated with asking the government to do more. Because who is the government? Us.

Take the new costs for communal water systems. A few weeks ago, we heard about the problems facing residents and businesses in downtown Kinmount who have to spend \$1-million to bring their communal water system up to standard. Last week, the focus was on Wilberforce, where the bill might reach \$1.5-million. As highlighted in this week's paper, Parklane and Echo Hills apartments are expected to spend about \$535,000. Meanwhile, across the county there are all sorts of other places facing the same types of expense – private apartment buildings, nursing homes and camps to name a few.

Of course, municipalities have already had to stare down the costs of implementing water rules, and the people getting the water have had to pick up the tab. Private home owners in the Highlands know how expensive it can be to drill for water.

More costs are on the way. The county is feeling trapped into spending \$46,000 on a groundwater study that, depending on what the study finds, to more costs. But what politician wants to say he or she doesn't want to do everything possible to make sure our drinking water is safe?

The irony is now that we have all this clean water, many people don't want to have to actually drink it because it tastes so bad with all that chlorine. Bottled water companies have a steadily growing customer base, and no wonder. Yet where does that water come from? Natural springs which as yet are not regulated to the same extent. This immunity may not last and in some areas, there are already concerns that bottling plants are taking too much of the water from underground – water which also feeds other private and public wells. Soon, the environmental costs of avoiding having to drink tap water will also mount.

Are the new rules worth it? Do we really want water that tastes of chemicals? Is anyone willing to say their safety shouldn't come at such a cost?

Many countries say that having a clean source of water is a luxury; to us it is a right. Even if we get the province to pay for all these new water systems, the province gets its money from taxpayers. That's why clean water has become a right we'll have to pay for – with our taste-buds and our wallets.



White pine after freezing rain

by Cathy Olliffe/Echo

Scat-turd thoughts on tracking

If an outdoorsperson is going to be successful in the woods, he or she needs to be able to read sign. Misinterpret just one stop sign, for instance, and it's possible to get into a fender bender and never even make it to the hunt. Of course, knowing which pile of droppings came out of what animal is also important if only for the reason that you don't want to find yourself poop-and-scooping for someone else's hound.

Understanding the nuances of wild animal signs and tracks will also help you in the woods.

This is because a wild animal is equipped with superior smell, eyesight, hearing, camouflage and speed. I won't even mention good looks, taste and agility. Our species, on the other hand, has mastered tools and possesses a superior brain that has evolved over millions of years, if you don't count the period where I attended grade school. With these advantages, we can not only reason but also rationalize the need for garden gnomes on the front lawn. And that's why an animal has a better than even chance of making it to next season unscathed. Yet, if we use all our intelligence and guile, we can sometimes outwit a game animal anyway.

As a case in point, this deer season, after swimming across a shallow beaver run, I crossed the track of a huge buck. The print was big and deep with crisp edges that seemed to have been cut by a knife. Every little detail was visible and water was seeping into the cloven hoof mark even as I examined it. He was obviously just ahead, perhaps bedded down in an island of sumacs on the side hill. But did I follow the track? Of course not. That's what a wise old swamp buck would expect a hunter to do. Instead I did the smart thing and circled downwind, crawling through half an acre of

hawthorns. As a result of this superior thinking, I never even saw the deer, but at least I outsmarted him. And, you know, I'll brag about that victory for months. So what if it got shot by a less intelligent hunter shortly thereafter.

This just goes to show the sort of intellect that a game animal is up against. And that's why wherever they go they leave telltale signs for a woodsman to misinterpret.

Everyone can recognize deer scat, but it's only the die-hard outdoorsman who can read the subtleties lying there on the forest floor. For example, if deer pellets are concentrated in a pile, the deer was not moving at all or at least moving slowly. On the other hand, if a string of pellets are spaced away from the main pile of droppings the animal is obviously meandering in that direction, the further apart the scat the faster the speed. Smooth, round pellets mean he is content, sharp-

edged, square pellets indicate a very bad mood. Get the picture?

It's simple things like this that will help you get inside the skin of an animal so that you will know what he was going to do just as he changes his mind about doing it.

Combine this vital information with your knowledge of traditional trail use, prevailing winds, buck scrapes, rubs, bedding and feeding areas and you've got enough information to become thoroughly confused, thus making yourself unpredictable and dangerous even to your quarry.

Naturally, while you are trying to sort all this out, the animal just might come out to the field edge and pose broadside for you. Some will call it dumb luck. But if that happens, no matter what everyone else says, obviously, you were on the right track.

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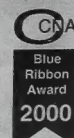
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A less than merry season

WITH EVERY PASSING MINUTE, Tyler was becoming more irritable. His heavy coat was hot inside the store and the overflow of Christmas merchandise made the aisles cramped. He kept knocking things over. He was supposed to be buying a gift for someone in his office but was having a difficult time choosing one. There were shelves of possible gifts, everything from candles to candies, dishes to doilies. Tyler would never know which was the right one.



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For Tyler always wanted to be "right", to get the most desired present, make the perfect remark, have the best taste. Except shopping was not one of his strengths. He disliked the noise, the clutter, the press of other bodies. The recorded Christmas songs echoing throughout the stores and street only increased his restless discontent. Get me out of here, he thought, finally deciding to give up his quest for the day and treat himself to a coffee and piece of pie instead.

As he turned away from yet another display of leering snowmen on skis, he heard words set to sleigh bells that stopped him in his tracks. 'Daddy don't get drunk this Christmas. I don't want to see my mama cry,' twanged a low voice while a guitar wailed in the background. Realizing he was standing rooted in the middle of the lingerie department, Tyler gave himself a mental shake and continued out of the store. The cold air was like a tonic when it hit his face and across the street stood his favourite restaurant, famous for its lemon meringue pie. It was there that he now headed.

The tables and booths were packed with people, mostly shoppers, but he managed to find a spot by the window. While he waited for his food to come, Tyler glanced around at the other diners before setting his gaze outside, to the street. Only then did he allow himself to retrace what had just happened to him there in the store a few minutes ago. Without warning, those two lines in the song had unleashed a storm of memories and feelings of Christmases in his own youth. And it was that legacy that made him grumpy every December, not the crowded stores or the pressure of gift buying.

For Tyler, Christmas would always be associated with fear, disappointment and worst of all - dread. The dread of never knowing when his father might return home drunk on the spirits of the season and spoiling for a fight. Sometimes he would be a so-called happy drunk but even that could change quickly, his mood shifting from a lop-sided grin to a mean scowl without reason or warning.

His mother had struggled to make a Christmas for them but she had fought against difficult odds. Whenever Tyler thought of Christmas as a child, his stomach automatically went into a spasm as though preparing for a blow. There had been plenty of those as well until his mother had finally found a way to leave and take him and his brothers with her.

He thought he had gained mastery over those old demons of Christmas past. Until today in the store, when he heard that song. Funny how life can sneak up on a person, he mused.

The pie was as good as usual, its lemony tartness nicely offset by the sweet meringue and flaky crust. Aromatic coffee, fresh and strong, swirled around his spoon as he added cream and sugar and leaned back in his chair. He heard the excited chatter of children in the restaurant, their high-pitched voices and restless young bodies testament to the time of year.

Those were the people Tyler always envied. While he believed there were probably as many people like him as not, it was the 'not' ones he always wished he could change places with at Christmas. No doubt the products of strong, happy families who cared about each other, Tyler saw how they either jumped into the activities with enthusiastic gusto or rode along on the wave of celebration, finding joy and peace throughout.

If Tyler could find a magic candy cane or secret word that would enable him to share in the merriment, he would use it. But for him, and he knew many others, it was not so. Instead, he went through the motions, plodding through other people's traditions as though they were his own and trying very hard to capture a sense of excitement and pleasure. It was hard not to feel like a freak when all around him, on the radio, television and magazines, he was being extolled to be of good cheer and incidentally, to buy, buy, buy. Tyler reacted to the commercialism of Christmas, bemoaning the expense and waste. But it was the good cheer part that truly grated on him, because he could not will it into being.

The closest Tyler could come was when he gave to others, especially to the food bank. He knew he was a fortunate person, that despite his unhappy beginnings, he had managed to do many of the things he had wanted over the years. On the surface, he had much of what makes life good. He hid the emptiness well. Except at Christmas. So he gave as much as he dared, hoping for a bit of magic in return. He never quite succeeded. But sometimes he came close.



Pic of the Past

In earlier days, every little community in Haliburton County could boast of at least one hotel, and often many more. It's easy to understand how they could prosper, when you consider that a trip from one community to another could take the better part of a day, instead of the few minutes such journeys take today. This picture shows the Union Hotel in Gooderham as it looked in 1912.

letters to the editor

Wolf was just living its life

To the Editor:

While reading last week's letter from Gord Riel, I got the distinct impression that he was actually proud of his actions on shooting the wolf. Thoughts that came to my mind were: Did this poor wolf ask to be raised by some motor cycle gang member, did the wolf pick his future? No we humans did that for him.

As for a 160-lb. killer of our wildlife... how much does Gord Riel weigh? Is he considered a, say 185-lb. killer, or more a 225-lb. killer? Does Riel have to rely on his own natural instincts and efforts to provide his meals or does he wander out into the bush with a high powered rifle, equipped with scopes and some dogs to help even the chances for the poor deer? Can the wolf go into the local IGA or Valumart and purchase several hundred pounds of meat to get him through the winter? Not very likely.

I feel sorry for the loss of the puppy but have to ask where was the doghouse? In the middle of Gooderham or out smack in the middle of the bush which just happens to be the wolf's territory. Is the wolf expected to read any signs that say "Private property, don't eat the dog"?

I love animals, have two dogs and several cats but I can honestly not believe that any human has more right to kill the deer than wolves do.

I live in the country and have been driving back and forth to Gravenhurst five days a week for five years now. In total I might see four wolves a year but could count on one hand the number of weeks in a year that I have not seen at least one deer. I have actually hit two this year, the last one doing over \$5,200 damage to my car. You can't tell me that the deer population is endangered and that the 12 to 15 that Gord estimates the wolf would have eaten would have actually made a dent in the population.

It would be interesting to know how many deer will die this winter from starvation or over browsing. I say let nature take its course and allow wolves to be wolves and help keep the deer population in check. If you want to hunt then you have to take your chances on losses and shouldn't go around shooting wild animals who are just simply doing what they are put on this earth to do.

Louise Packer,
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Proposal for motorcyle race track unpopular

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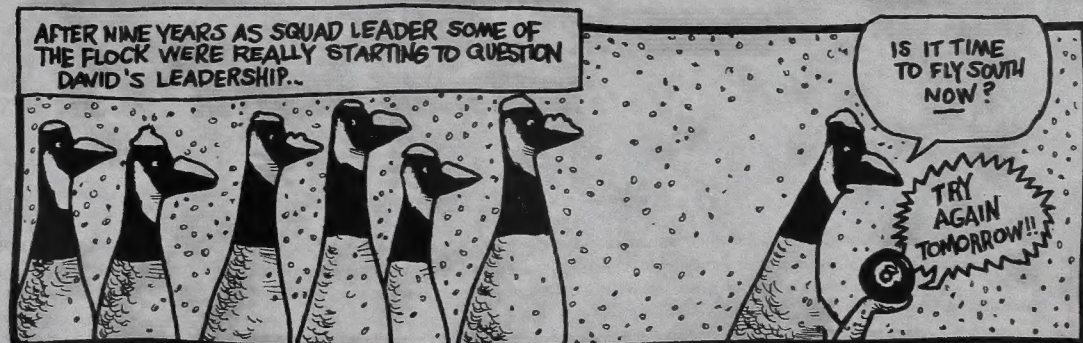
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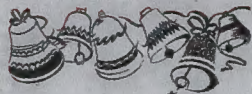


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Vigil has particular significance in the wake of September 11 attack

To the Editor:

On December 6, 1989, a man went in to the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, an engineering school, and shot at all the women he encountered, finally killing 14 women and injuring many others. This deliberate targeting of women, especially women who were perceived as strong and capable in a traditionally male environment, has become a symbol of the deliberate violence that is done to women, daily, most often in intimate relationships.

I have been reflecting that the terrorist acts of September 11 had a huge impact on all our lives, much more so than the equally horrific terrorist acts in other parts of the world, because finally it happened in our own back yard, to people like us. Likewise, the Montreal Massacre mobilized women and some men across the country to recognize violence against women and children, because it happened publicly, to women whom we could safely say didn't "deserve" it.

Often we ignore the violence we know is happening in homes across the country, perhaps subconsciously believing the myths that "they got themselves in to it" or "they ask for it" by arguing, nagging, etc., or perhaps because we are unable to deal with the painful feelings that arise when we bring to mind the horror of the daily lives and deaths of abused women.

With our silence we condone this violence, and it continues.

We remember these 14 women, and through them symbolically, all the women who have suffered and died with much less publicity. By doing so we hope to make all people aware of the continuing violence, and the silence that condones it. In most instances, when we search for the reasons for a woman being assaulted, we find at the core, "because he can." As a society and as individuals when we lower our tolerance for violence in any form, we give the message to abusers, "no, you can't." Change is needed in many other levels as well, but it will come when we have the will to make it happen, when we all feel the outrage and the determination to make this world a safer place for all its inhabitants.

We will be gathering on Highland Street in Haliburton at noon on December 6 for a vigil of remembrance. Anyone is welcome to join us - we ask that participants bring non perishable food items for the food bank to exchange for a candle. The vigil will be brief, to accommodate lunch hours - if anyone wishes to add a poem, reading, song, etc., we ask that they contact me before the 6th at 457-5345.

"First mourn, then work for change."

Claire Sylvan
Haliburton

Racetrack 'totally incompatible' with adjacent uses

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The current proposal of a motorcycle racetrack is totally incompatible with adjacent land uses. We also do not feel that the proposed development is at all compatible with the County's vision statement:

"A County with a cooperative environment within which the different players and population groups have worked together to achieve: a sustainable natural environment; a more stable, diversified year round economy based on clean, small to medium sized economic activities; residential development, both seasonal and permanent, in keeping with maintaining a small town atmosphere, environmental integrity and adequate accessible services; and a strong sense of regional identity with a more inclusive and tolerant community with all it takes to provide a high quality of life for families and individuals."

Approximately 120 cottages or year round residences would be severely affected by this proposal. The noise from several hundred motorcycles racing each weekend would be horrendous to say the least. The majority of visitors that come to Haliburton do so for rest and relaxation. This is certainly the case with Trooper Lake cottagers. Having this development next door would have severe social and financial impacts to all the cottages and residences on Tamarack Lake Road. More and more people are choosing to retire to Haliburton County and this kind of development is simply not what people expect when they choose to locate here.

The issue of road maintenance alone is enough reason to abandon such a proposal. Our road is very narrow in places and has a dangerous corner on a hilltop. The kilometre section in front of the subject lands is very wet and subject to spring flooding and cannot accommodate traffic of the scale proposed.

In addition to the social impacts we have several; serious environmental concerns. This includes the impact to fish habitat that is inevitable with this proposal. In the proposed plan you will notice that the racetrack would be built next to a stream. This stream was stocked a couple of years ago by the Ministry of Natural Resources in partnership with the Burnt-Irondale Fisheries Enhancement Association. The substrate on this property is fine sand and any development would have immediate impacts to the stream. A racetrack 20 feet wide would contribute to significant amounts of sedimentation in the stream bed. It is also expected that residual poly-aromatic hydrocarbons and other petroleum based contaminants would enter the stream and possibly the catchment of Trooper Lake where a majority of the 48 cottagers consume lake water. Also mentioned in the proposal are plans to have camping and swimming which would imply a desire for access to adjacent Trooper Lake.

Also in the proposal you will notice several water pumping stations which would require permits from the MOE, as well as a septic system that would have to accommodate hundreds or thousands of people.

Finally, it is probable that the tree By-law would apply in this instance thus automatically involving county council.

All of these effects make this development proposal unacceptable. We urge you to review the enclosed file and send you comments to the Municipality of Highlands East, P.O. Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario, K0L 3C0 (705) 448-2981, (705) 448-2532 (fax), highlandseast@on.aibn.com (email), by Dec. 11, 2001 at which time council will be voting on the rezoning application. Thank you for your consideration.

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Province uses carrot of 85% funding for groundwater study

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council meeting, county CAO Gary King said there may be dire financial consequences if the county doesn't sign on.

The Ministry is dangling the 85% funding as a carrot. If the county doesn't bite, the Ministry could resort to using a stick – forcing the county to do the study on its own a year from now without any provincial funding assistance.

"This is a shotgun approach," Warden Murray Fearrey said.

That may be so, King said, but by signing on under 85% funding, "we'd be getting \$300,000 worth of research on our groundwater resources."

King also noted that "this is one of the outcomes of Walkerton. The province is not prepared to have the finger pointed at them again or face liability" should something go wrong with groundwater supply.

"We're just starting to get the roll out of things we'll have to do in the wake of Walkerton," he said.

Councillors had several concerns.

One was the threat of what costs may follow should the study reveal any problems. By committing \$45,000 now, the county may be faced with much greater costs later as possible contamination sources are identified. These sites would have to be protected in the county's new Official Plan.

However, King noted that since the county is part of the Canadian Shield, it does not face the same risks to its water

supply. Areas to the south, where there is more concentrated agricultural and residential use, are more prone to problems than the Highlands.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who supported the county's involvement in the project, said "if we're going to be forced to do this at a later date, and there's still fall out, then at least now we'll get the funding. It doesn't matter when it's done, there will still be a fear of what has to be complied with."

Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman, who also supported the proposed study, said it's costing his municipality \$20,000 to test the well head in Wilberforce and the county has the chance to have all five well heads tested for slightly more than twice the cost.

"We'll all have to get these tests so why not do it all," he asked.

"I don't object to doing the right thing, I object to being under the gun," said Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, who was one of the most vocal oppo-

nents to the process.

"There is a lot more hidden costs," Davis said. "There's something that's not being told here (by the Ministry) and if I had to make a decision today, I would not support it," he said. "There's not enough information from the Ministry of Environment."

"I've seen other things the government has forced on us with partners... (and) I'm not too sure I like our partners."

(The study would be spearheaded by the Trent Conservation Coalition which includes the four Conservation Authorities within the watershed and 32 municipalities.)

"We may be conned into fixing something outside our boundaries," Davis said.

Minden Hills Ross Rigney also expressed anger with the process: "I'm worried this isn't the total cost," he said, adding he wasn't prepared to vote on the matter that day. "I just want to make sure we know what it's costing us and I'm not sure that we do."

He says he's also tired of the

province saying "you've got to do this or you've got to do that."

The groundwater study announcement was made in August but there was no apparent urgency until King met with Dr. Rob Salter of the Otonabee Conservation Area last Tuesday. Dr. Salter intimated that there were fears the province would impose the study on errant jurisdictions at a later date.

On the day of the county meeting, there was a meeting of the various potential partners in Peterborough. Because King was unable to attend, Stephen Foster represented Haliburton County. Foster is on the county's environmental advisory committee and spearheaded the recent headwaters symposium at the Frost Centre. He is also the county's 9-1-1 co-ordinator.

Rigney questioned why Foster would be going to Peterborough when earlier in the meeting, Foster had talked about how busy the 9-1-1 department was. Rigney was "not impressed" that Foster was spending the afternoon in

Peterborough discussing the groundwater study.

King quickly defended Foster. He said the county's contract with Foster is for 30 hours a week yet Foster is often spending 45 hours a week on the project. "He's not being paid any more money than the 30 hours a week in the contract."

As to attending the Peterborough meeting, "he's undertaking this because he's interested and I can't be in two places at once."

With his environmental background, King says Foster is knowledgeable about the issues being discussed.

County council agreed to wait until it heard Foster's report on the meeting at its December 12 meeting to make a decision. Dr. Salter will also be asked to attend the county council meeting.

Warden Fearrey indicated "it probably makes sense" to spend the money now on the joint initiative. Councillors seemed to favour the county paying the \$46,000 rather than splitting it between the four municipalities.

Three youths charged after being confronted by Haliburton home owner

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Three 16-year-old youths from Ingoldsy, Irondale and Minden Hills were charged with break and enter with the intent to commit an indictable offence following an incident in Haliburton village on November 23.

A resident on Riverside Drive called police to say that three

male youths had entered the house through a basement window. The three had been confronted by the resident then left the house and fled through the neighbour's back yard.

The resident advised that the suspects were known to her and stated they were looking for her brother.

Break and enters

A Panasonic cordless phone, three bottles of wine, one bottle

of rum, and a Nintendo 64 game with two cartridges and a controller were stolen from a cottage on Allsaw Road some time between November 18 and 23.

Six packages of cigarettes and a camera were stolen from McPhail's General Store in Fort Irwin on November 16. Suspects had tried to pry off the lock but when that failed, smashed a window to get in.

Someone broke into a cottage on South Kashagawigamog

Lake Road near Ingoldsy and drank a bottle of alcohol, emptied a fire extinguisher and left with other bottles of alcohol. Entry was gained through a sliding window. The incident took place some time between November 14 and 19.

Someone tried to kick in the door of a residence on Soyers Lake Road some time between Sat., Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. and Sun. Nov. 25 at 7:45 p.m.

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Couple may seek alternate site for Motocross races

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If Highlands East council doesn't give an Angus couple permission to build a motocross race track and 14 km hare-scramble course near Gooderham, they hope to find a more suitable property elsewhere in the county.

Connie and Robert Greenlaw have approached Highlands East council about rezoning 300 acres near Trooper Lake to allow a recreational facility for off-road motorcycles.

The Motocross track would consist of hills, jumps, whoops and corners to be used for practice and up to 12 races each year. They'd also build a 50cc motocross track for young riders and a 14 km hare-scramble course on trails throughout the property.

Eventually, they'd like to establish a camping area on the property, which they have not yet purchased.

As well as being a popular destination for riders, the Greenlaws say their facility would have a positive economic impact in the area and stop local riders from riding at the community centre.

"This project would be an all year round business for the purpose of bringing families together in a community to provide interesting activities and foster good fellowship," they say in a submission to council.

In an interview on Friday, Robert Greenlaw said they're waiting for council's response to their rezoning request before deciding upon their next step.

However, based on the response they've received from neighbours, "we know it's real-

ly the right area."

At Wednesday's county council meeting, Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman said it's unlikely council will support the rezoning. There have been numerous objections from people in the area who say the business is not compatible with the cottaging area.

In a report to council, chief building official Dale Shannick notes "there are 59 cottage lots within listening distance of this proposed development... There are approximately 75 cottages on Tamarack Lake as well. There appears to be a fair amount of Environmental Protection zoning around the east end of Trooper Lake and on Trooper Creek and the subject property."

Greenlaw says "at that property you wouldn't hear them if you wanted to... It can be done but you need to convince people it can be."

The majority of trees would be left standing to act as a sound barrier.

The couple spent all summer looking for a place to build the track. They already own a track next to their home but land is too expensive in that area to make it feasible to expand to include racing, which Greenlaw has done for 20 years. "To get the trails up you need a lot of land.... You need that kind of acreage to keep the noise down."

He's frustrated by the negative response he's received whenever he's found a suitable property. "I think it's a good idea but it's hard to sell to people who don't do it."

The Greenlaws presented to council letters of support from their Highlands realtor, Dorothy Mackenzie-Payne, and

the Canadian Motorcycle Association, which says courses such as the Greenlaws' "reduces the possibility of motorcyclists using areas which are not appropriate". There is

also a two-page petition from motorcycle riders supporting the Greenlaws' initiative.

He and his wife are still holding out hope that they can find land in the Highlands to build

their track. "Hopefully one day we'll have a good report because there are a lot of good things we can do (for fundraising.) We're good people who want some place to play."



CATHY OLLIFFE/ECHO

One of the highlights of the Christmas season is the annual concert put on by The Haliburton Messiah Choir. On Nov. 23, 24 and 25 the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion was filled with the beautiful music of the choir's 10th anniversary concert, "Messiah, An Oratorio by G. F. Handel." Melissa Stephens was the musical director for this event which featured several talented soloists including Haliburton's own Jenna Stutt, mezzo-soprano, at right in black in both photos. Other soloists included soprano Jessica Sage, tenor Willis Bote and bass-baritone Jon-Paul Décosse. Beverly Foster was the able accompanist.

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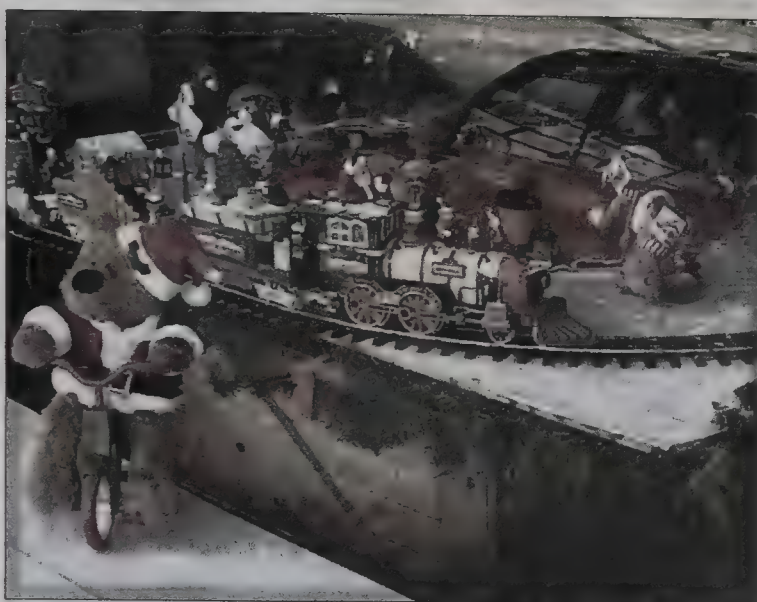


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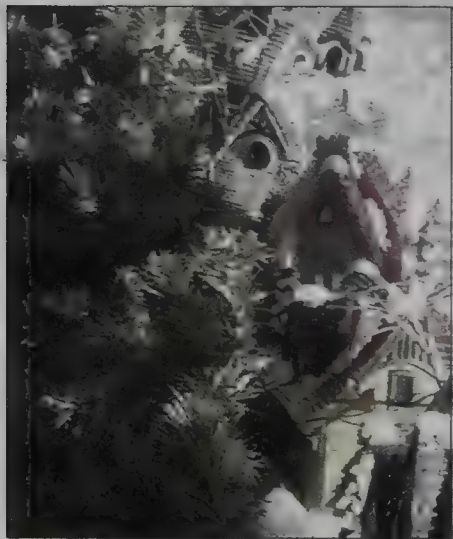
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Gallery staff say teamwork had been paying off

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Unfortunately, one of the realities of running a gallery in the Highlands is that this is a seasonal economy, he says. "Full-time, in my mind, means it has to be in our season. The time from Victoria Day to Labour Day is very intense. There are times when you need someone there..."

"When all is said and done, you have x-number of tasks and y-number of people. Everyone chips in but you still need well-defined roles. (The job descriptions are) a recognition by the board that there were certain roles and tasks that had to be filled by a director/curator role and in order to carry out these tasks, it required someone full time."

Although staff has been encouraged to re-apply, the news was both shocking and devastating to Carmount, who was unaware that such a move was even a possibility.

"It's really painful," said Monday morning. "It's been three days of very little sleep and some very sad moments..."

"I'm shocked, but I'm just so hurt by it all."

Although she is only part-time, Carmount says that she and Ball worked as a team splitting the responsibilities so that the work was done. At present, she and Ball work 28 hours a week, with Carmount sometimes working 36 hours. Souriel worked 14 hours a week, sometimes 28, and had no work through the winter.

Carmount says the team in place now has not only had suc-

cess in the past year of getting new grants, but was also in the process of getting more money.

"We were working phenomenally together," Carmount says.

"Yvonne's a dynamo. She put her soul into it."

Ball has also been doing an extraordinary job in getting more grants and has many ideas for special events at the gallery, she says.

The Guild recently spent \$400 to send Ball to a workshop on writing grant applications.

One application in the works is for provincial OSTAR funding which works on the principle of the Rails End as a county gallery that would encompass all arts organizations - and benefit all arts organization.

This would build on the \$14,900 the gallery was successful in getting for new computer software and hardware that allows the gallery to provide in-house services to local arts organizations at a nominal fee.

As well, the gallery got a \$4,000 grant from the Ontario Arts Council after Carmount says she spent months forging ties with the OAC staff. The gallery had not received an OAC grant for the past three years, even though it used to be a major funder.

They also got \$1,500 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for a sculpture installation project at Glebe Park with Rose Pearson's OAC art students. The students would work under the tutelage of Maryanne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore, two local artists whose installations have been highly successful.

Carmount was in negotiations with the Ontario Crafts Council about workshops to help local artisans learn a few tricks on how to improve their sales and get accepted into major shows.

"The biggest part of all was I had an important meeting with the School of the Arts about the annual faculty show in the summer," Carmount says. "I explained the difficulties of doing the show and we came with a fantastic plan. The faculty would sign a contract and the gallery would advertise the show. That was a huge step forward in communicating with another partner."

Also in the works was an event suggested by June Stewart about a retrospective celebrating

the 35th anniversary of the School of the Arts and the Guild's role in its formation.

This work was on top of several initiatives which were designed to build a better relationship between the gallery and the community, Carmount says.

"What Susan and I wanted to do was be there for the community because we desperately needed more members and volunteers," she says. With the lay-offs, she wonders if their work will be allowed to bear fruit. "It's like (the Guild) chopped off its right hand. Why wouldn't they give us a chance?"

Staff received many positive remarks about the recent Christmas gala at the gallery

and Ball was already planning ways to make next year's even bigger, she says.

Knowing the Guild was in financial difficulties, this winter Carmount was willing to work for free to finish up contracts for next year's shows.

Hayward says the lay-offs were not tied to the Guild's financial position, but rather hinged on the work requirements under the new job descriptions. (Local scuttlebutt had it that the Guild had lost money on the Blast for Cash lottery but Hayward says the Guild sold enough tickets to pay all costs.)

The gallery is closed for the winter so is not immediately affected by the lay-offs.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Tea is served

Haliburton Highlands Guild of the Fine Arts volunteer Pam Smith pours tea for Stan Beard at the guild's volunteer tea at the Rails End Gallery on Nov. 20. The event is to thank the 50 volunteers who assist the Guild throughout the year.

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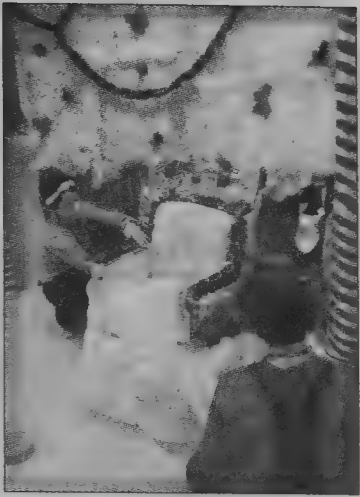
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(far left) HHSS Co-captain Kendra Griffen puts the final touches to decorations for the lobby.
(top) Megan Woodman applies decorative touches to the eighties pillar.
(left) Cassie Hie looks on as her "afro man" creation looks
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Balancing the books

County council gets the numbers for interest payments on healthcare loan

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

County council will ask to meet with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to discuss the Foundation's progress in raising money for the recent capital expansion projects.

The issue came up at last Wednesday's county council meeting when council received a report saying there was still \$2.5-million outstanding on the loan for construction of a new 30-bed long-term care unit at an upgraded Haliburton Hospital and a doubling of the size of Hyland Crest to include the new emergency department and community healthcare centre.

The county is paying the interest on the \$5.5-million the HHHS had to borrow to fulfill the community's share of the \$19-million total cost.

Since March 2000, the county has paid \$191,000 in interest. It will continue paying the interest until the loan is paid off.

The Foundation's job is to raise Haliburton County's contribution. It says it is only \$900,000 short of its goal.

If that's the case, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney asked why there's still a \$2.5-million loan.

"It's very explainable," responds the HHHSF's manager, Dale Walker, in a telephone interview with The

Echo after the meeting.

As of October 31, the Foundation has raised \$3,977,105 in cash. There is \$210,000 committed through the "special gifts" program (life insurance bequests) but that money won't be forthcoming until the donors pass away. Service clubs and organizations have outstanding pledges of \$473,950.

That adds up to a total raised in cash and pledges of \$4.6-million. Subtract that from the \$5.5-million goal and that leaves \$900,000 to raise.

"We're just starting the fourth year so we're on track," Walker says. "We set a goal of five years and we feel we can do that."

However, the Foundation also has its own expenses. Since its inception, the Foundation has spent \$460,000. That includes printing of brochures, mailing, buying the fundraising bears, paying the costs of special events and salaries. Last year's costs were \$148,000.

"Our expenses are in accordance with other



The HHHS hospital site in the village of Haliburton.

Foundations," Walker says.

If you add the \$460,000 it has cost to run the Foundation with the \$900,000 to be raised, \$685,000 in outstanding pledges and \$191,000 in interest, that's \$2.5-million.

In October, the interest payment (at prime minus one-quarter per cent) was \$9,800. As the Foundation contin-

ues to pay down the loan, the interest will decrease. Last week, the Foundation paid down a further \$75,000. By November, the interest payment is projected to be \$8,200 and drop to \$7,800 in December.

Walker notes that to put the interest payments in context, in the past the county paid upwards of \$600,000 a year to subsidize Hyland Crest. (That cost steadily decreased after Extendicare was hired to manage the senior citizens home.) Hyland Crest is now owned by the HHHS and the county has no financial responsibility for its operation.

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LKO president sits down with Dysart councillors

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

The president of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization has met with members of Dysart et al council.

Peter Oyler sat down with Dysart councillors at the Nov. 12 meeting, "hopefully to set the record straight with respect to Wigamog."

He explained the situation that led the LKO first to object to the Wigamog Inn's plans to build 16 condominium-type units and then to withdraw the objection. Apparently it was first thought that Wigamog would seek rezoning for the property and then later a decision was made that rezoning was not necessary. Oyler, who is also a councillor with Minden Hills, said there was a "break-down in communication" that left the LKO "with little choice but to appeal." He added, "I would just hope, in future, we could continue to work together to protect the environment."

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis agreed but suggested the LKO stop doing it through the press.

Davis came prepared for the discussion with Oyler, bringing a foot-high stack of studies done about water quality on Lake Kashagawigamog. Oyler had

asked Dysart to freeze development plans until a lake capacity study could be done on the lake. Reeve Murray Fearrey had said many studies had already been done and he wasn't about to spend any more taxpayers' money on studies of one lake.

Davis pointed to the stack of papers and said, "I believe we have done a lot to protect the water. You're welcome to look at all of these studies."

Oyler said that, in 10 years, things change and he would like to see a study done of all the lakes in the five-lake chain that includes Kashagawigamog, studying more than just phosphorous levels and septic tanks but boats and many other things. "No longer can we rely totally on that [traditional] testing to look after the health of the lake," Oyler said. "There is more to lake capacity than having a sewage treatment plant. Our concern is the lake. Our concern is water quality. Not just for us but for future generations."

Fearrey said, "The Catch-22 is we spent \$11-million in this municipality [on sewers] enhancing opportunities for future development. If our development is frozen, someone is going to have to pick up the tab for the debt that's still on the plant."



DARREN LUM/Echo

Who tracks who?

The Minden Animal Clinic's Technician Lizzy Kovach and Veterinarian Nikolai Davis ready "Murphy", a golden retriever owned by Stanhope residents Devin Hogg, 10, and Ryan Hogg, 8, to be implanted with a identification microchip at the first Dog Microchip Identification Clinic for Algonquin Highlands.

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Haliburton publishing company takes elephant steps

ALLISON TAYLOR

Special to the Echo

Possible Headline: Haliburton publishing company takes elephant steps
possible subhead: Patient News Publishing was named Haliburton County's Entrepreneur of the Year by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

They started with baby steps in 1994, but a Haliburton publishing company is now taking elephantine strides in the newsletter industry.

"We've established ourselves as a premium supplier," said Wayne Lavery, owner of Patient News Publishing at the Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) annual general meeting. "We've created a product for dentists and have grown to be the largest provider in North America."

Lavery's company was recently honoured by HCDC as Haliburton County's Entrepreneur of the Year. Patient News Publishing creates customized newsletters that dentists distribute to their patients.

Andy Campbell, general manager of HCDC, presented the award on November 28 to Lavery and his wife, Karen Galley, at the Delta Pinestone.

"It's quite a unique story," Campbell said of the rapid growth the publishing company sustained in its first few years of business.

In 1994, the development corporation helped Lavery implement a marketing plan for Patient News Publishing.

"They were a lone Canadian company with the main competition coming from the United States," Campbell said during

the award presentation.

The company showed true innovation because the news went straight to the patients and to the dentists, Campbell said. "They also have an excellent research department."

Looking back at the company's formative years, Campbell remembers Lavery as the sole employee. In 2000 Lavery wanted the company to expand, and that was exactly what it did and has been doing ever since. It is now "the largest supplier of dental newsletters in Canada," Campbell said.

Employees started coming out of the newsprint and eventually Lavery and his wife employed 17 full-time staff. Today around 27 employees can be found at the Haliburton headquarters on Industrial Road.

"That's good growth and that's a profitable company," Campbell said. "When a company gets bigger, it's a little easier to get doors to open."

Doors were flying open all over the place.

As the company surged, suddenly there were a variety of avenues for Lavery and his wife to deliver their products into the United States. More importantly, as the company expanded, so did various sources and forms of assistance.

"From the fall of 2000 and here we are today," reflected Campbell.

The company went from having one employee with 27,000 annual newsletters, to a well oiled operation with 27 employees, mailing 10 million newsletters a year, Campbell said.

"We can't verify this," said Campbell. "But we think (Lavery) sends more mail from his facility than the rest of Haliburton county combined."

After the ceremony, Lavery said Haliburton couldn't have been a better location for the company.

"Free trade, computerization and the Internet makes it possible," he said. He is certain other local companies can also have similar success.

"In two years, approximately 80 per cent of our business will be coming from the United States," Lavery said. "Will it work for other companies in Haliburton? You bet!"

Criteria for the award was threefold and the business had to demonstrate excellence in all three areas, including initiative, uniqueness and innovative product.

The HCDC also plans to enter Lavery's company into a provincial and federal competition for entrepreneur of the year.

"What a sense of satisfaction to see somebody grow and advance their dreams," Campbell said. "We had a small roll in that too."



ALLISON TAYLOR/Echo

Haliburton County Development Corporation's Entrepreneur of the Year, Wayne Lavery receives his award November 28 at the Northern Lights Lounge at the Delta PineStone Resort. It was the HCDC's Annual General Meeting. Lavery and his wife Karen Galley launched an innovative company called Patient News Publishing in 1994. Since its inception, the business has skyrocketed and now dominates the North American market.



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Tues. Dec. 11 th	Feast of Questions	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 12 th	Devotions	10:30 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 19 th	Devotions	10:30 a.m.
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Lights contest changing

Judging dates changed to accommodate so many entries

Holy moly. Never let it be said that people in Haliburton County don't like to get involved with things.

Last week the Echo ran a story saying there were only a few entries in the annual Christmas At Night lights contest, sponsored by Haliburton Home Hardware and the Haliburton County Echo. This week we have a whole different story to tell!

As of Monday, Dec. 3, there were 33 entries!

Now, because there are so many entries, spread out all over the Highlands, it will be difficult for judges to see all places in just one night. So we're changing the contest, just a little bit, to make things a little easier. Here's the scoop:

The deadline for the contest is being moved back to Monday, Dec. 10, so if you want to enter, do it by then.

The lights will be judged on Mon. Dec. 10 and Tuesday Dec. 11, from about 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Please have your lights turned on during this time on both evenings. From all entries, five will be picked and then judged again on Wednesday Dec. 12. Those five entrants will be notified, by telephone, that their places have made it to the top five. And then, on Dec. 12, judges will head out on the road again to look at the top five and choose three as winners. Those winners will also be notified by phone.

First prize will be a \$300 gift certificate for Haliburton Home Hardware.

Second prize will be a \$100 gift certificate for Haliburton Home Hardware.

Third prize will be a subscription to the Haliburton County Echo.

To enter, all you have to do is phone the Echo at 457-1037 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Here's the list of all entries as of Dec. 3:

Elois Somerville on Essonville Line, Judy Cole on Redken Dr., Edward Sharp on Robertson Rd., Ann Coltman on Horseshoe Lake Rd. #1, Howard and Mary Brumwell on Green Lake Rd., Extencare on Park St., Jim Ellis on Hwy. 118, Beverley Macduff on Buckhorn Rd., Ken and Jeanine Espie on Cty. Rd. 14, Larry and Ruth Strong on Essonville Line, Philip and Kelly O'Reilly on Essonville Line, Philip O'Reilly on Kushog Lake Rd., Carla Landsperger on North Shore Rd., Nancy Brock on Cty. Rd. 6 (Nancy, please phone the Echo and give us your phone number and the correct spelling of your name! Thanks!), Margot McRae on Cty. Rd. 121, Joe Rivers on Deep Bay Rd., Bill Medland on Cty. Rd. 14, Carl and Gladys Nesbitt on Anson St., Irwin Getke on Cty. Rd. 1, Leo Courtemanche on Highland St., Nancy Rivard on Cty. Rd. 6, Cheryl and Murray Miscio on Cty. Rd. 1, Dorothy Muirhead on Bobcaygeon Rd., Gerda Goverde, across from Mapleview in Wilberforce, Al and Judith Cole on Redken Dr., Ron and Maureen Robinson on Redner Rd., Elmo and Nona Lymburren on Hwy. 118, Brian and Dorothy Black on Kashaga Dr. (who won last year's contest!), Tracey McMullen on Harmony Rd. (Tracey, call the Echo and give us your phone number! Thanks!), Jack and Sandra Johnson on Park St., Ellen and Heidi Cook on Hwy. 118, Stan and Brenda Harding on Barry Line and Bruce and Viola Cook on Dawson Rd.

Whew! Good luck and may the prettiest place win!



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

The Christmas stuffing

Big kudos go to the folks at Haliburton County Association for Community Living who volunteered their time (and their elbows) to stuff more than 8,400 letters with the annual seasonal mailing of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This was a really big help for the foundation - Dale Walker and Debbie Mansford (standing, at back) couldn't have been happier. Among the people at Community Living who helped were, from left: John Goff, Donna Jones and Mari Anne Stammers. Other helpers not pictured include Ross Anderson, Robin Fletcher, Melinda Nesbitt, Jerry Corby, Donna May Lee, Robert Nimigon, Harry Erickson, Dale Jarvis, Carol LeFebvre, Stan Packard, Jack Eastman, Dave Irwin, James Meldrum and Chris Strype. If you live in the Highlands you've probably already received your letter in the mail - make sure you read the flyer for details on the Community Christmas Open House, tomorrow (Wednesday, Dec. 5) at the hospital in Haliburton and Wed. Dec. 12 at the hospital in Minden. On both dates the open houses run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join in the fun: there'll be Christmas carols, refreshments, an artisan display and a visit from Santa. Don't miss the bake sale and bargains at the gift shops! The mailing also asks for donations for the foundation - if you return the form with a donation, the foundation will put an ornament with your name on it on the foundation's Christmas tree.

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Project Angel Tree makes Christmas

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A small gift can mean a world of difference to a child on Christmas morning. For the second straight year, the 2nd annual Project Angel Tree is helping to make that sentiment a reality.

"When [children] get a Christmas present you see their eyes light up and how excited they get. You just know how special they feel when they get that," says 1st Highland Ranger Guider and first year project coordinator Michelle Wolfe. "I can guess these children would feel the same way and have the same experience."

The project is coordinated by the 1st Highland Rangers, a branch of the Girl Guides of Canada while the 4Cs helps with gift distribution and the village of Haliburton's CIBC provides space and a decorated Christmas tree.

Started last year by the Rangers with the support of the 4Cs and CIBC, Project Angel Tree is a gift project for Haliburton children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift due to economic circumstances. This project is one of many in the community that contributes to the 4Cs Christmas gift drive.

"Lots of families in Haliburton County who have to spend money on food and rent...they don't have the extra money to buy Christmas gifts for their children too. Their children can't really under-

stand why other children get gifts and they don't."

At the Village of Haliburton's CIBC located at the corner of Maple Ave. and Highland St., a Christmas tree is adorned by angels drawn onto paper circles on the front and age ranges of 4-7, 8-11, and 12-15 years old and gender on the back corresponds to who the gift will be given to.

Anyone interested in giving a child a Christmas gift is encouraged to take an angel tag and return the tag with a corresponding gift to put under the CIBC tree. The 4Cs will collect all the gifts on Dec. 17 and will distribute them along with the other gifts collected during the gift drive on Dec. 21.

"It's not just the CIBC that is getting involved, it's the whole town. They're participating in something for the children," said CIBC Personal Banking Representative Elsie Stamp.

4Cs Director Betty Smith believes this particular project is reflective of the community's generosity for the Christmas drive.

"The Christmas food hamper and the Christmas toys for the kids are over and above what the 4Cs does all year long. It is only through the generosity of the community that the Christmas program is available and everything we get in there goes right to the kids and food hampers."

She's not sure how many gifts this project will generate, but is sure it is a step in the right direction.

"Whatever contribution we accept them all. I wouldn't have an idea if they would be

giving us 30 gifts or 60 gifts, but whatever they have we'll put to good use," Smith said.



DARREN LUM/Echo

(l-r) Michelle Wolfe, 1st Highland Ranger guider, shows a paper angel representing a child's Christmas gift for Project Angel Tree. Rangers, Amanda Lawlor, stands, Val Muise, sits with Amelia Ambridge and Lindsey O'Mara. CIBC Personal Banking Representative Elsie Stamp stands on the far right.

Mailbox vandalism severe fines no laughing matter

OPP public information

Over the past several weeks Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has investigated a series of mischief incidents involving damage to residential mailboxes.

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Red Hawks downed

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Additional photo on page 25

Hawks, kings of home court in exhibition play

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

With less than a week left in the Red Hawks' basketball exhibition season, both the seniors and the juniors are looking poised to devour the competition.

Last week's contest against the Fenelon Falls Falcons at home saw both teams start off slow, but they eventually found their wings and soared from the Falcons' talons.

talons.

Starting point guard Conrad Flatman led his junior squad from start to finish as he drained the basket from all over the floor scoring 29 points. The Hawks won 60-50.

His play during the game was the main ingredient to two Hawk runs. The first built a lead and the second squashed any Falcon chance to tie the game in the second quarter.

The Red Hawks won the opening

tipoff, but failed to score in the first sequence, but they eventually captured an early lead, 13-9, in the opening minutes of the first quarter. Despite the lead, the Hawks were still trying to find their stride against the larger Falcon lineup in the early going as the lead was lost momentarily.

Coach Irv Sternberg said this game was the juniors' worst.

"Defensively my boys should create way more turnovers. They weren't aggressive on turning the ball over. A few boys seemed a little confused. But by the start of the fourth they were creating turnovers," Sternberg said about the slow start.

In the second quarter both teams went on short 8-0 runs. It started with the Falcons who looked ready to tie things up only down a point with less than three minutes left in the second quarter.

The Hawks put the screws to the Falcons and started an 8-0 run of their own in response. The Falcons could only answer with a single bucket to disrupt

the Hawk run. Right after the disruption another Hawk run started led by a Flatman drive. On a drive down the lane he caught the Falcon defense napping and scored, but also earned two foul shots. He made one of two to complete a three point play.

The Hawks went on a 9-0 run that carried into the next half when the Hawks continued to attack from the third quarter opening.

A strong Hawk press forced the Falcons into turning the ball over resulting in two quick fast break points giving a Hawk 36-24 lead.

As the defence tightened for both teams, the Hawks secured each of their possessions and spread the Falcon defense with quick ball movement. In the fourth quarter, they increased their lead to 42-36.

An aggressive full-court press by the Hawks late in the game combined with poor shot selection by the Falcons caused the Hawks to continue to control play

See **Seniors keep pace...** page 25



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Hawk forward Kyle Cloutier takes the rock hard to the hole and is fouled by a desperate Falcon defender late in the game. The foul earned two shots for Cloutier who sank both to give the win to the Hawks.



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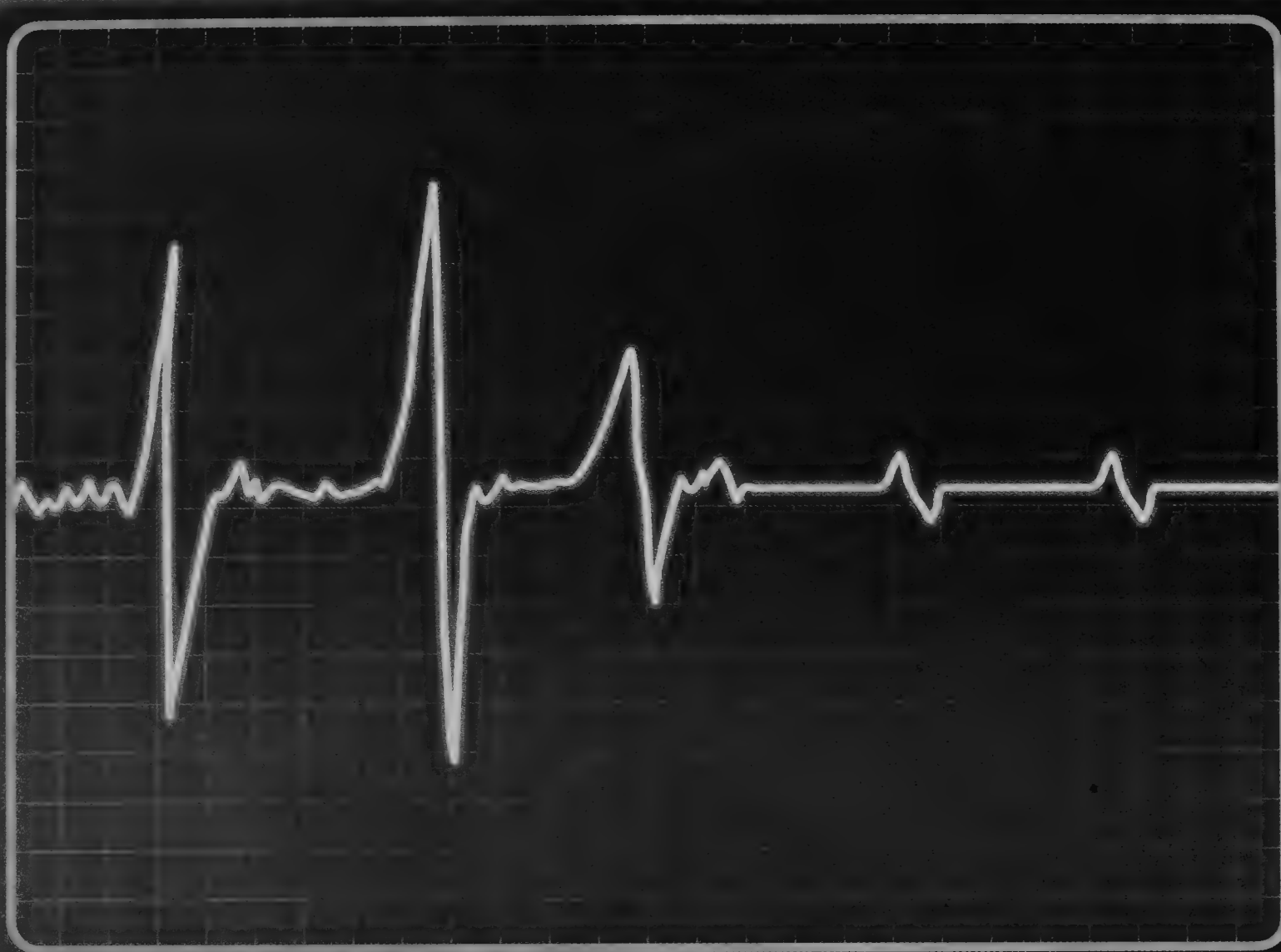
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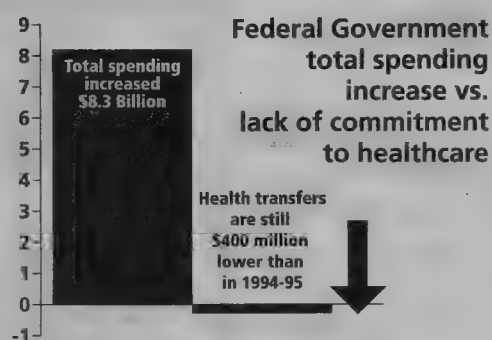
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Seniors keep pace win second game

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until games end.

The juniors are now 3-0 in exhibition play and will play their first regular season game away at I.E. Weldon Secondary School on Dec. 5.

In the second game of the afternoon, the senior Hawks battled the Falcons to the buzzer where they were able to sink crucial foul shots throughout the game for their second win of the exhibition season, 47-43.

By the end of the first quarter, down by eight points, the Hawks looked out of it, but rallied and mounted a strong

comeback to win.

"We just made a better commitment to defense. We started to get more rebounds and just played better man-to-man defense. I thought we were playing a little lazy in the first quarter," said Coach Paul Longo about the sudden turnaround in the second quarter to erase the eight-point deficit.

After the strong drive to get back into the game, the Hawks found themselves still a few points short of tying it, but in the final minutes of the second quarter the Hawks were recipients of lady luck as the Falcons were penalized with an illegal substitution. The technical foul against the Falcons gave the Hawks a trip to the line for two. Kyle Cloutier went to the line and sank both shots to give the Hawks their first lead of the game, 24-23. A lead that would not be relinquished for the rest of the game despite many chances by the Falcons.

As the game clock ticked away in the fourth quarter with the score tied 43-43, Cloutier took an outside feed and took it hard to the basket. He was met with a Falcon defender and got rewarded with two foul shots. During the shots the crowd was silent, but erupted upon his second foul shot falling through the net to give the Hawks a two point lead.

The Falcons had a chance to tie in the final seconds, but went for the win with a hurried three



Hawk forward Shane Baumhour drains two foul shots in the final seconds of the game to seal the win.

point attempt. Shane Baumhour, a late game substitution, picked up the rebound and was immediately fouled by a Falcon defender to stop the clock. With no fouls to give, he was sent to the line. There was only seconds left in the game and Baumhour would sink both of his shots to seal the victory.

Missing from the lineup were guards Will Arnup and Josh Shaw. Shaw's absence was due to a car accident caused by the freezing rain last week. He wasn't hurt and is expected to be in the lineup for their next game.

The seniors will be in tough against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats on the road for the regular sea-



Missed: Hawk forward avoids a check in the neutral zone and breaks into the Adam Scott Lion zone, but lost the game 7-4.

son opener who have a reputation of being the perennial Kawartha Champion and OFSAA representative said Coach Paul Longo.

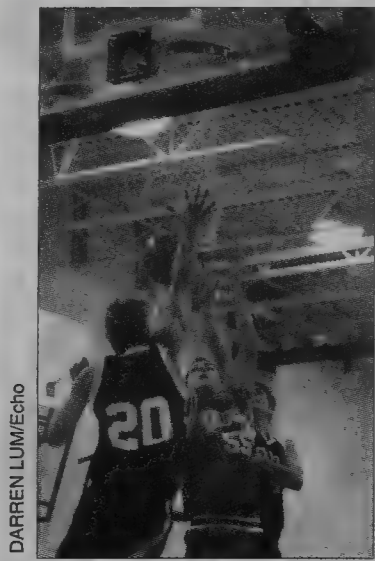
"They're really strong. I just want us to minimize turnovers and play good defense and let the offence happen...I just want to play four solid quarters and you never know. I think we can be in it with them. I think we can give them a game," Longo

said.

With a record of 2-10 last year, including the exhibition season, the team is looking to dramatically improve since starting this season with a 2-1 record.

The only loss this season came at the hands of the Gravenhurst Griffins who handily defeated the Hawks, 78-42.

"They were a strong team, but we didn't play well at all," Longo said.



Hawk forward Kyle Cloutier hangs in under the basket between two Falcon defenders who try to block him out.

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Frost friends prepare for winter wonderland skiing

The Ski Friends of the Frost Centre have been actively engaged in preparing the 22 km of excellent classic cross country ski trails for winter fun and enjoyment and are now waiting for snow.

Surplus funds have been reinvested in upgrading the trails, new trail signage and new grooming equipment to further better these excellent ski facilities.

New trails signs have been purchased and will be placed every 500 metres to

help mark the different trails. Trail signs are important to ensure that the skier is on the right trail according to his or her ability. Each trail is clearly marked by an animal symbol. For example, the Bunny is beginner while the Marten is for the expert.

Good groomed trails are key to enjoyable cross country skiing. A new groomer has been purchased to make sure that the trails are in perfect shape. The groomer came from a company

represented by one of the few Canadians who is invited to assist in the grooming of the Olympic competitive cross country ski trails. The Ski Friends of the Frost Centre wish to thank the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre for their financial support.

Family Membership is only \$55. per year. Individual membership is \$30. while a day pass is \$9. After 1:00 p.m. the day pass is only \$5. The Frost Centre is on Highway 35 - 12 km south

of Dorset and 40 km north of Minden. Membership applications can be obtained from Margaret Brogden at pbrogden@interhop.net or call (705) 754-2351.

The Frost Centre has kindly included in its Web site a link to "Ski The Frost". Click on to get a trail condition report at www.frostcentre.on.ca

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Bark Lake to host Raid the North outdoor challenge

This year's Raid the North Series will include three, possibly four, 36-hour races, including one in the Highlands, and one, 2-day Championship race.

The outdoor adventure races will be returning to some of the organizers' favorite host sites in Ontario and Quebec for 2002, including Bark Lake May 3-5 and Tremblant, Quebec June 7-9.

The courses will be 150+ kms in length and will involve trekking, mountain biking, paddling and ropes. Teams will be competing for cash and prizes and free entry into the 2002 Raid the North Series Championship race.

Registration opens for Bark Lake and Tremblant on December 12. Registration fee is \$1,600 CDN per team.

Dates and locations for other Raid the North races and Series Championship are dependant on the scheduling for Eco-Challenge and the World Championship race. Organizers hope to announce these locations and dates in December and open registration on Jan. 7 at 11:00.

Salomon Adventure Challenge

Due to the overwhelming success of the Salomon Adventure Challenge last season, the series for 2002 has been expanded to include four, 5-8 hour races at each Raid the North event, and three independent events, one of which will be held this winter.

These introductory adventure races will take teams of three (open or co-ed) through a 40+ km course of trekking, mountain biking and paddling (the winter race will involve, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and mountain biking).

Unlike last year, the race-courses will be completely unmarked and teams will have to rely on basic navigation skills.

Registration will open on February 27. Registration fee is \$300 CDN per team. The complete 2002 schedule will be posted December/January.

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3-day Intensive: May 10 - 12

Price: \$400

Teamwork

(Toronto Area)

One night and half day:

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Pre-Race Training Program

Bark Lake, ON (May 2)

Tremblant, QC (June 6)

*A complete schedule of Pre-Race Training Programs will be posted in December.

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Cool times: Greg Phippen holds up his two-year-old daughter Madeline who is learning how to skate this year while mother, Trish looks on from the side during the Thursday lunch skate at the Dysart Arena. The public skate is from 12 to 2 pm every Thursday and is \$2 per person.

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See story on page 21 for details!



Snowmobile trails to be signed and ready to go

During Get Ready for Snowmobiling Week, November 24 to December 1, volunteers from 268 local snowmobile clubs will be continuing to prepare for the upcoming season by installing or replacing tens of thousands of snowmobile trail signs.

Although signs on snowmobile trails are not a legal requirement in Ontario, member clubs of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs have been voluntarily posting traffic, directional and informational signs for almost 30 years as a service to snowmobilers and their home communities. This annual initiative is a massive undertaking on the world's largest recreational trail system, which is twice as long as the total length of all of Ontario's provincial highways.

Many considerations unique to their off-road setting factor into placing trail signs. A primary one is environmental aesthetics where clubs try to avoid

sign pollution that might impinge upon their ongoing efforts to keep nature beautiful. Over-signing is also a concern in that these markers are intended as basic safety and navigation aids to enhance, not replace, the personal judgment and choices riders have to make in constantly changing off-road surroundings.

Meanwhile, many other factors make maintaining trail signs a very difficult challenge. Bears eat vinyl signs, moose knock them over trying to scratch themselves, while wind, rain, flood and thaw take their frequent toll. Worse, trail signs are frequently vandalized, deliberately run down or stolen. With no specific legal protection or penalty under the law for snowmobile trail signs, these often irreplaceable losses caused by human disregard cost OFSC clubs major dollars every year.

"Snowmobile trails cannot be viewed as similar in any way to our highways, where legal requirement, enforcement, education, resources and tradition come together to ensure high standards and predictable routes that drivers can rely on," says OFSC's Ron Purchase. "Back in the bush anything can happen and snowmobilers have learned to expect the unexpected because that is the nature, and one of the major pleasures, of that riding environment."

Highland Storm "Little N.H.L." Schedule

Game schedule in Haliburton
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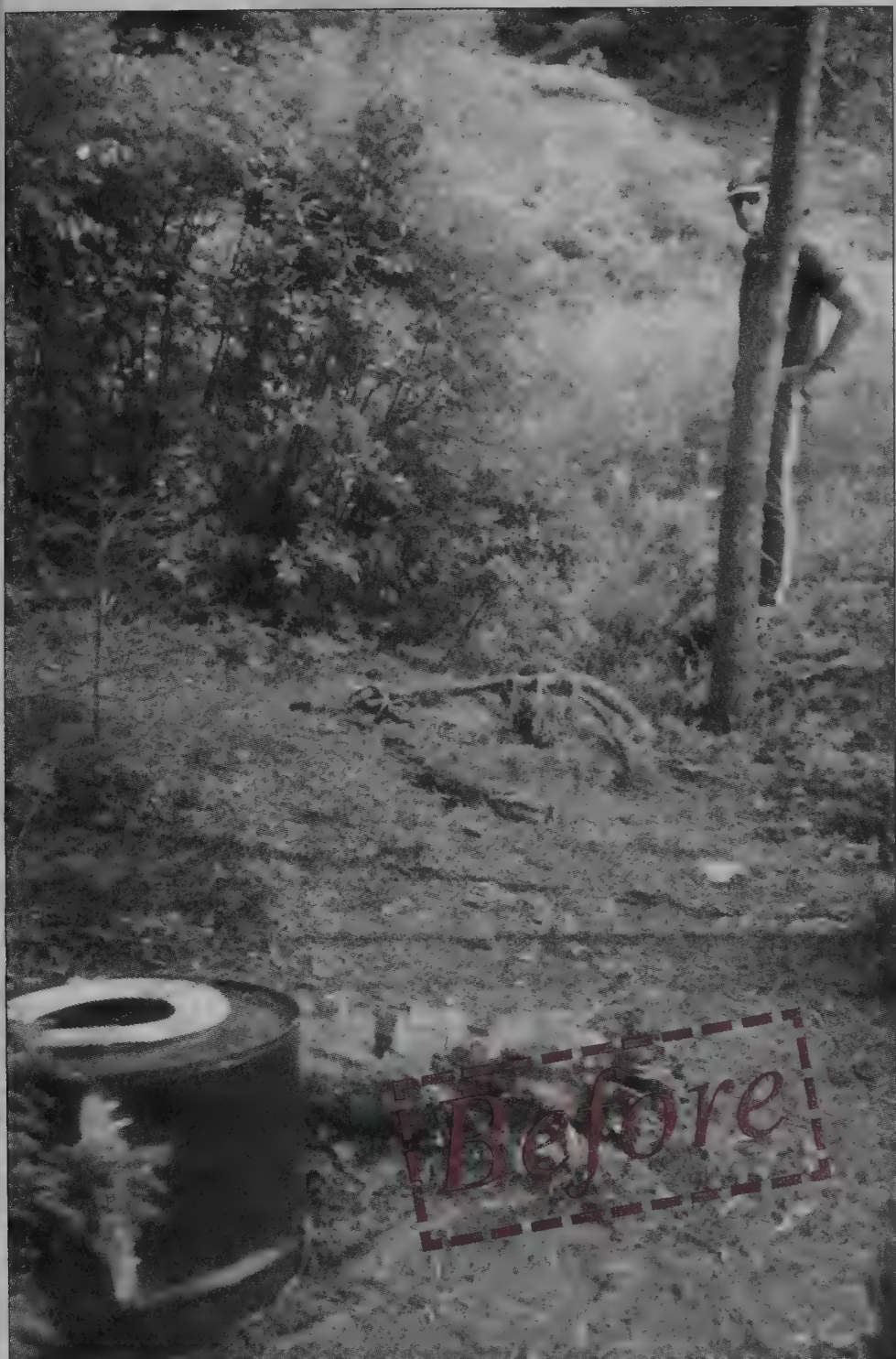
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Camping restrictions at Frost



The privy on Clear Lake before improvements were made.



The same area after HARC cleaned up the mess and installed a new privy.

Committee gets county's support to impose new rules

MARTHA PERKINS
 Editor

Next summer, campers may no longer have free reign of the Frost Centre's "back country experience."

Concerned about the environmental impact of having up to 30 campers at a single site, the Frost Centre Area Co-ordination Committee has just received county council's support in a bid to restrict the number of campers per site during the busy summer months.

In the future, the committee may also request campers to pay a small fee to help recoup the costs of patrolling and maintaining the sites.

Because the Frost Centre is Crown land, as opposed to a provincial park, it is not allowed to impose restrictions or charge usage fees, manager Keith Clark explained to county council last Wednesday. Crown land is open to anyone.

With the county agreeing to apply for a

land use permit on the co-ordination committee's behalf, the committee could set new rules and regulations for use of the Frost Centre's 24,000 hectares.

For the good of the land, the committee says the rules are desperately needed.

Committee member Larry Hewitt, who

bring in 30 campers at a time and another busload will arrive the next day.

"These campsites may have 30 people a night every night for two or three weeks," he said.

Committee member Jim Nighswander tested the water in front of a campsite on

“If you went up after a weekend, there's toilet paper all over the ground like snowflakes. It's terrible.”

LARRY HEWITT

joined Clark in making the presentation to council, says that overcrowding of campsites is particularly bad in the 1,300-hectare Clear Lake Conservation Reserve. Camps from outside the county

Clear Lake. Test results showed the e.coli count to be three times higher than at other areas. The pit toilet - nothing more than a toilet-seat covered box - was only four metres from the shore.

"If you went up after a weekend, there's toilet paper all over the ground like snowflakes. It's terrible," Hewitt said.

Volunteers with the Haliburton Association of Recreational Canoeists (HARC) have done a tremendous job in cleaning up many of these sites. They have also installed boxed privies in environmentally-friendly locations.

But no clean-up project can keep up with the demands placed on the land when hundreds of campers come to call.

The committee's terms of reference says the Frost Centre "is considered one of Ontario's Crown land treasures. However, the area's incredible back country experience has resulted in increasing use which has reached a level that raises concerns about its impact to the resources. Damage from the recreational use can cause detrimental effects to the fragile terrain and invites the question of whether this pressure is sustainable."

Changes on the way for Frost

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Under guidelines being drafted by the committee, restrictions would be placed on how many campers a night can be at each of the 120 campsites within the Frost Centre.

"We'll still have the same number of people camping but they'll do it in a more environmentally friendly way," Hewitt said.

By agreeing to be the sponsoring agent for a land use permit application, the county supported the committee's initiatives. The committee will continue to manage the property. "We want to lead this process on your behalf," Clark said.

Some county councillors worried about enforcing the land use permit by-law since the county does not have a by-law enforcement officer.

Enforcement could be done by municipal by-law officers or, it's hoped, students who could be hired in the



This photo shows how busy it is at Big Hawk Landing (a Frost Centre access point) during a summer weekend.

summer to patrol the sites. With the county's endorsement, the committee feels it will be in a better position to ask for funding.

Warden Murray Fearrey says that any by-law would be beneficial to control overuse throughout the county, not just at the Frost Centre. "If it happens anywhere else in the county we'll have the tools to deal with it."

And that threat exists, Hewitt says. He says that with new restrictions being imposed at Frost Centre and the new Kawartha Highlands signature site, more campers will look to Crown lands in neighbouring municipalities.

Algonquin Highlands is the municipality most affected by the increased use of the Frost Centre because it contains the 11 access sites. Recently, it joined forces with the Halls/Hawk Lake property owners association to build a double privy at the Hawk Lake landing. Busloads of kids would arrive there to start their canoe

trips and after the long ride, would have nowhere to answer the call of nature. They'd often end up using the nearby bush or roadside area. Now they can use the privy.

"It may be Algonquin Highlands' problem now," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "but it's someone else's problem later. In order for this group to move forward, they need our support badly."

She also noted that the lands in question are the headwaters of systems that flow south. "If we don't look after the water, it will affect the entire county. Time is of the essence."

It is not known how the camps will respond to any new regulations since the camps have not sent any representatives to committee meetings even though they've been invited to attend.

"Rather than imposing rules on them we want people to be part of the solution," Clark said.

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Library hours may be curtailed

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Book lovers may find their passion curtailed unless the county can find some way to recoup the funding it's losing for the Community Access (Internet) Program.

The county is facing a \$20,000 shortfall now that the federal government is reducing its funding for the CAP sites.

In Haliburton County, many of those CAP sites are in the county's various library branches. A few years ago, when CAP was initiated, federal funding was used to increase hours of operation at the libraries.

Today, the county thinks it can afford to continue offering the CAP sites, but it doesn't know where it will find the money to sustain the existing library hours.

The subsidy from CAP was "a great deal of money in

the library's budget," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said at Wednesday's county council meeting. "It's quite a loss."

The library board will be meeting to discuss where the shortfall in its budget will have to come from.

"CAP can be sustainable but not the extra library hours," Harrison says.

In other library board news, Harrison was pleased to report that the Stanhope Soccer League donated \$750 to the library in recognition of how much use the Stanhope library gets during soccer evenings.

"On soccer night, the library is swamped with children," Harrison said, adding that she was thrilled to find out children are still reading books.

Volunteers with the county board are getting more involved on a regional level and Harrison says their interest is paying dividends. "There's a lot of help out there to tap into," she said.

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Local gourmands enjoyed Wildlife Dinner

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game that is at the heart of this event and especially to all who work to present this much anticipated feast.

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wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Leaders Kathy Rogers and Mary Barker and their Pathfinders are to be

congratulated for organizing the Christmas Craft Sale last Saturday. The community is thankful that there are enterprising people willing to give their time, energy and creativity to make these opportunities available for both shoppers and vendors.

This Thursday December 6 is the Annual Christmas Open House at the Outpost Museum. Drop in any time from 1 to 4 and 7 to 9 for some old fashioned Christmas hospitality. The building is decked out in festive greenery. The apple cider and coffee are hot. The cookies are rich and tempting. And who knows when we may break out in song, story or verse. Do come for a short visit or stay all afternoon and evening.

A slightly belated happy birthday to Stan Beard who has been known to write from "Over The Hill". Come on, Stan, you haven't even reached the peak yet. Many happy returns.

With Christmas Day only three weeks away many services and programs are coming up. Here are a few to mark on your calendars. The Community Carol Service is Sunday, December 16, at 7 p.m. at the South Wilberforce United Church. This is an ecumenical service at which most local church folk take part.

The Christmas Carol Service at the historic Essonville Church is on Sunday, December 23 at 7 p.m. All welcome to this special place at this special time of year.

Another program that is sure to get you to the heart of Christmas is "A Christmas Festival" on Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Haliburton. Led by Bill Gliddon, the choir, supplemented by several Wilberforce Choristers, will provide the music and readers will deliver several stories. These will include

"The Shepherd" that was made famous by the late Alan Maitland on CBC Radio, O'Heary's "The Gift of the Magi", stories of Angels and the Huron Carol story. Tickets are still available at Agnews or from Stan Beard. Also at Perfect Prints and Master's Bookstore in Haliburton.

2002 museum calendar on sale

Remember to purchase your Dorset Heritage Museum Calendar for 2002 which shows photographs of Dorset from years past. They make ideal Christmas gifts and souvenirs. They are available for \$10 each at the Dorset Post Office, Algonquin Highlands Municipal Offices, Robinson's General Store, Dorset Tim-Br Mart, Mountain Trout House Marina and The Old Mill Marina.

The Dorset Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony held on Sunday, December 3 was very well attended. Joyce McKey had the honour of being the official "tree lighter". Joyce is a member of the Clayton family who

are among the original settlers of Dorset.

community news

dorset

Melissa Alfano

766-0076

Joyce has been very active in Dorset participating on all sorts of committees and is a past councillor for Sherborne et al Township.

Participants at the tree lighting enjoyed hot chocolate and hot dogs provided by the Fire Department and the Dorset Lions Club and also sang Christmas carols to get into the spirit.

A community thank you goes out to all the Christmas Elves who helped decorate the village last Wednesday. The decorations look wonderful - thank you!

Don't forget the Food Drive co-sponsored by the Dorset Fire Department and the Dorset Lions Club for the Salvation Army tonight, Wednesday, December 5. Vehicles will be departing from the Fire Hall at 6:30 p.m.

and will be traveling to Hwy 117 to Long Line Lake Road, Paint Lake Road to Girls Camp Road, Bellwood Acres Road, South Kawagama Lake Road (including McComb, Bemaba & Wolf Circle) Kawagama Lake Road to Old Mill Marina, Hamlet of Dorset (including McLennan Drive & Harvey Avenue) County Road 12 to Camp Bay Road and Hwy 35 South to Wren Lake Road East. Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you're not sure we'll be coming by your place, please call Clint MacKay at 766-2249, or Dan Parniak at 766-0981. The vehicles will be identified by flashing red lights on the fire trucks or flashing green on other trucks. Contributions can also be left at: Algonquin Highlands Township (Dorset) Office, Dorset Tim-Br Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine.

The next Senior's Friendship Luncheon at the Dorset Recreation Centre is Thursday, December 6 at 12 noon. Lunch will be a delicious broccoli strata. Birthdays will be celebrated at this luncheon. To reserve or for more information, please call Donna at 789-0876.

Don't miss the Holiday CyberActivities taking place at the Dorset Community Access site at the Rec Centre. Youth worker Nathan Nixon has lots of activities planned using the Dorset CAP computer. Try your hand at "Elf Bowling" or why not E-Mail Santa or make a holiday decoration. Activities will be on Saturdays between 10am and 4pm. For more info or to register, call 766-9968.

Birthday wishes to Weldon Tracey, Jacqueline Timbers and Donald McEachern. Happy Anniversary to Marg and Charlie Schwab. May they have a wonderful day. To submit news, please call 766-0076 or E-mail melalfano@hotmail.com.

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Summer comes early to Haliburton Highlands

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Planning for next season's Highlands Summer Festival began in earnest last week with the selection of the productions for 2002.

"Once again, we have something for everyone," Highlands Summer Festival President David Mills says. "In the summer theatre tradition we have murder and mayhem, ghosts from the past, a romp through the woods with classical musicians and tale of youthful

awakening right here in cottage country."

The playbill for the coming season:

- There Goes the Bride is a fiendishly clever farce that gets zanier as the story unfolds. An impending wedding has swept up the entire family in an all-consuming vortex of preparations when a mysterious and ghostly visitor from the past appears, adding an entirely new set of complications and lots of laughs. Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, this brilliantly clever play will keep audiences in stitches as the characters struggle to marry off the daughter and retain what little bit of sanity they can salvage.

- Music to soothe the savage breast: Our popular classical music concert returns with performers Lauren McInnes, Melissa Stephens and Tom Regina. This year's concerts, Au Naturel, take a noteworthy look at the world outside your window. The three talented musicians, with writer Kerry Riley, will lead the audience on a hike through many references to nature found in the world of classical music. Back packs and bug spray will not be required.

- Looking for inspiration and working to a looming deadline, a well-known author sequesters himself in a spooky old house to concentrate on his latest murder mystery. The plot of Out of Sight...Out of Murder, by Fred Carmichael, takes an intriguing twist when the characters in his book come to life following a bizarre lightning storm. Hilarity ensues as the author attempts

to regain control of his story without becoming a murder victim himself.

- This season we welcome the evocative writing of David French back to our stage with his play That Summer. Margaret Ryan returns to Ontario cottage country to relive the innocence and beauty of a summer spent, 30 years earlier at Wolf Lake, when she was 17. That Summer tells the story of teenage awakening, recalling the 1950s through memory, language and music. As Margaret watches her younger self, the play moves swiftly back to the heartbreak of a headlong surrender to experience, both won and lost, in a single day.

Highlands Summer Festival is embarking on its third season. Utilizing the intimate setting of the 226-seat Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, the company has attracted an loyal following of theatre patrons, eager for an entertaining night during the summer.

The season opens July 2 and runs for six weeks, Monday to Friday evenings, through to August 9.

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NOTICE

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NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated October 19th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 23rd day of November, 2001.

Patricia E. Martin
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WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS, and dated October 17th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 23rd day of November, 2001.

Patricia E. Martin
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Busy Winter Ahead...



A Note from the New President, Wade Woodward:

Elections were held on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 in Minden. Now I find out what this association is really about. Before actually taking office I attended the Ontario Home Builders annual conference at Deerhurst Resort. I met many members from all over the province. At the President's Gala I sat down and found that two couples at the table were good friends with Doug & Aileen Moore's family. (a very small world) At the awards luncheon I sat with members from the Greater Barrie Home Builders. They were full of tips on how to make my year(s) as President go easy. I'll have to see if any of their suggests work.

We have a busy winter planned. We have continued our co-operative work at the High School. The students are busy building a Fish Hut this term and next term they will build another Garden Shed. We have two educational seminars planned. November we are hosting a Propane Safety Seminar. To receive propane on a job site you must hold a valid Propane Safety Certificate. With winter approaching quickly it looks like we might need propane sooner

than later. In December we are hosting our second 1st Aid Training Course. The first course took place in September. We have opened these courses up to anyone who needs them. They are not restricted to members only.

The 6th Annual Christmas Toy and Food drive is on it's way. We had fifty one groups participate last year. This is a 19% increase in groups participating from the year before. Then to end the month of January we will be hosting our 4th Annual Charity Home Builders Hockey Tournament. The 4C's has been our Charity of choice. They need support year round not just a Christmas. The cash donation helps to restock the food shelves after Christmas.

I would like to thank Paul Mayo for his dedication to this Association for the last two years as President. He is now able to sit back a little and see why Gary Burtch was so relieved to become a Past President. I look forward to working with the new executive.

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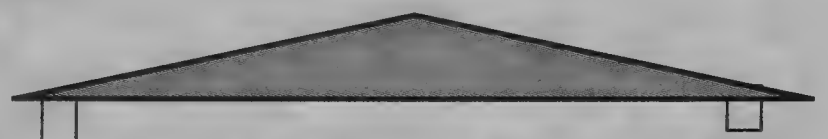
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Originally, 4C's was housed in the present home of Bishop & Rogers Law Office. The four ministers Rev. John Smith, Rev. Trevor Denny, Rev. John James and Father Maloney took turns counseling on weekly basis.

Presently the 4C's Food Bank and Lily Anne operate out of the Drag River Building on Maple Street donated by our local municipality.

We have 8 directors, appointed by the local churches who meet regularly to administrate and serve. We now have a registered tax number to provide tax receipts.

Our source of income, comes from local churches, community members at large, and business. Volunteers at the Lily Anne sort and sell used clothing which provides most of the money for the Food Bank.

Our principal aim is to provide food, clothing etc., etc., to the needy. The Food Bank is opened 3 mornings a week during the hours 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Upon recommendation we have made provision for medicine. We pay direct to the pharmacy. Additional help is given when Fire Marshall Miles Maughan notifies the urgent need.

We have helped many transits by arranging the lodging and meals paid for by 4C's.....CASH is NEVER given.

On the average we assist 2000 men, women and children throughout the year and our 4 C's Christmas Food and Gift Boxes total approximately 205 to 210 boxes each year costing \$12,819.74. The cost would be much higher if it were not for Aggie Tose's 'Christmas Challenge by the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association'. These gifts along with Bank of Montreal's 'Canadian Tire Money Toys' go a looong.....way to fill the toy bags.

4C's Board of Directors wish to sincerely thank everyone who shares in giving toys, making some child happy and not feel forgotten.

The Love and support of this community make Haliburton a wonderful caring place to live.

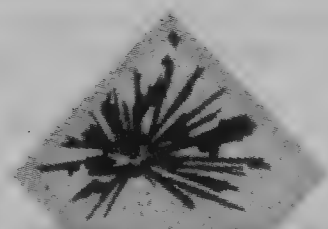
We wish you and your families a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas season.

Most sincerely,

4C's Food Bank & Lily Anne

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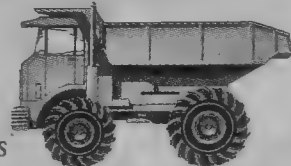
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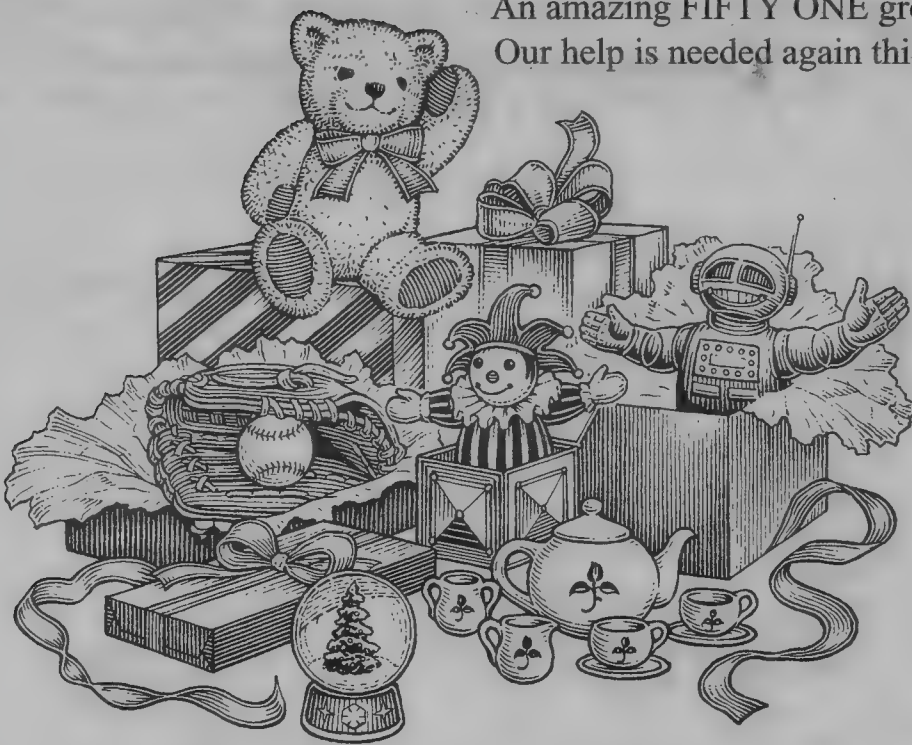
6TH Annual Christmas Challenge

Five years of partnering with the 4C's of Haliburton and Minden! Only you can help us make a difference. The Haliburton County Home Builders' Association will be happy to pick up and deliver you gifts to the distribution centre of your choice. We invite you with your friends at work or a home to gather unwrapped toys, food or cash for the Annual Christmas Drive of 2001.

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Last years' winner was the *Assante Financial Management Ltd.*

An amazing FIFTY ONE groups participated in the challenge last year. Our help is needed again this year. Together we can make a difference!



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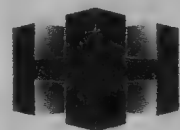


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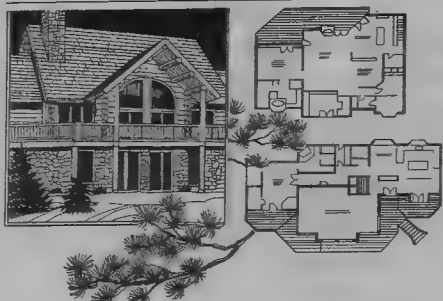
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Buying a brand new home is a big decision and an important investment, and there is a lot to think about. You want to buy with confidence, enjoy the experience and know that you have made the best decision for you and your family.

Typically the process of buying a brand new home takes place over time and in several stages.

To begin with, you want to take some time deciding your priorities what you want, where you want to live and how much you want to spend and then exploring what is available. Once you have narrowed your choices down to one community, one builder and one home, you are ready to work out the details and sign a contract with your builder. While it is then time to step back and let the builder do the work, there is still much to do before you move in to your new home.

Before you start looking

Get off to a great start by doing some pre-planning before you go house hunting. Discuss with everyone in your household what they want in your new home and surroundings. Make lists of what's important and divide them into must-have and would-be-nice-to-have. Also think about what you absolutely don't want to live with. Here are some of the things you should consider:

Community

- distance to work; traffic; public transportation
- schools and child care
- places of worship; hospitals; libraries
- distance to shops
- green spaces; recreational facilities

Your home

- style; size; # of bedrooms; home office; entertainment room;
- layout: open or divided spaces; formal or informal; privacy needs; flexibility for changing use of space in the future
- mobility restrictions; health considerations; indoor air quality
- energy efficiency
- outdoor spaces
- special features
- pre-wiring for automation, security systems, communication, entertainment, business

Financing

- the downpayment you have available
- the monthly mortgage payment you are comfortable with
- other obligations and financial needs

At this point, call your local **Home Builders Association** for a list of member builders in your community. Check ads in your newspaper to get a sense of what builders are offering. Talk to family, friends or co-workers who have recently bought a new home. Browse the Internet for information about builders, homes, communities, products and financing, as well as home buying advice. Talk with your lender and get mortgage pre-approval so you know the price range you should be looking at. Attend a home show to look at the latest in features and finishing, and to meet area builders.

Exploring your options

The key to successful home hunting is to take your time. Don't rush. Take a thorough look at everything and ask lots of questions. The builder or salesperson should be ready and pleased to answer each question. Sales centres will often have a complete information package on the homes, the development and the community, including schools and other facilities.

The community/development

Does the community meet your needs (as determined in your planning)?

- What are the long-term plans for the community: e.g. growth, roads, facilities, commercial/industrial expansion?
- Are there any community or development covenants and bylaws that restrict how you can live in your home (e.g. no pets, no outdoor clothes-lines)?

Compare layouts and size (more square feet do not always mean more living space).

- Imagine your family's daily routine throughout the seasons.

- Note if the builder is using brand-name products you know and trust.
- Ask about each builder's design flexibility (e.g. moving walls, enlarging

windows).

- Ask about optional or upgrades (e.g. lighting and plumbing fixtures).

The builder

You should shop around for your builder as carefully as you do for your home.

- Is the company a member of the local Home Builders' Association?
- Does the company belong to a provincial new home warranty program?
- How long has the company been in business, and on average, how many homes do they build annually?
- Will they give you the names of past customers for references? (Do check with a few to find out if they are satisfied and would recommend the builder.)
- Call the Better Business Bureau to see if there are any complaints against the company.
- Ask about after-sales service, most builders have an established follow-up system.
- Find out, in detail, what the warranty on your home covers.

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What is the recommended deposit?

- Are you expected to make milestone payments throughout construction or pay the full price of the home, less deposit, on the day you take possession?
- When can construction begin, and when can you expect to move in?
- Who will your contact person be, before and during construction of your home?
- Would you be able to visit your home during construction?

Once you have found your new home

When you have found the home you want, and you are confident that you are dealing with a professional builder, you can ask the builder to write up a sales agreement. Make sure you have a lawyer review the contract before you sign. From here on, you will be working in close contact with your builder, or builder's representative, to see your home purchase brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

- You need to finalize arrangements with your lender, if the contract is conditional upon financing.
- As construction progresses, your builder will call you in to choose finishing such as cupboards, floor coverings and tiles (referred to as colour selections).
- Your builder may also ask you to make final decisions on placement of electrical, telephone and cable outlets.
- The builder may make arrangements for you to visit your home in progress (for safety and insurance reasons you cannot drop by the construction site unexpectedly).

Just before your home is completed, you will be asked to join the builder on a walk-through of the home to verify that the work has been done according to plan. You will be asked to sign a certificate of completion, noting any last-minute touch-ups or details yet to be done. This triggers the warranty coverage on your home. Outstanding work will be done before you move in, or soon after. The builder will also hand over manufacturers warranties on components and products used in your home.

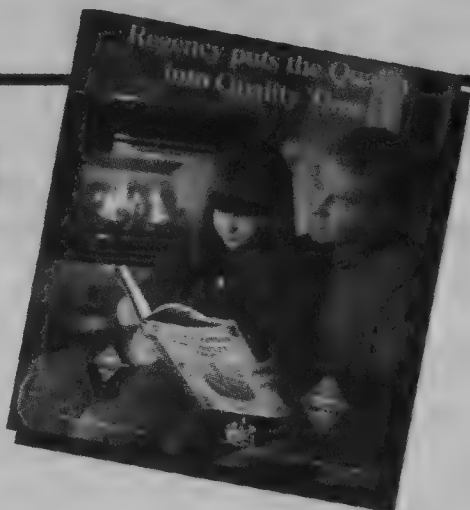
On closing day, title to the home is transferred to you from the builder, the outstanding payment balance is transferred from your financial institution to the builder, and you get the keys to your new home. This is done through lawyers who register everything with the appropriate authorities.

Before the end of your first year in the house, the builder will touch up any small imperfections that may have emerged due to the house settling and materials drying out, such as nail pops or small dry-wall cracks (completely normal in any new home).

BUT you don't have to wait if you have questions, concerns or problems. All professional builders have an after-sales service system in place. Many have dedicated service staff.

For more information and a list of professional new home builders in your area, contact the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, or check www.haliburtonhomebuilders.on.ca on the Web.

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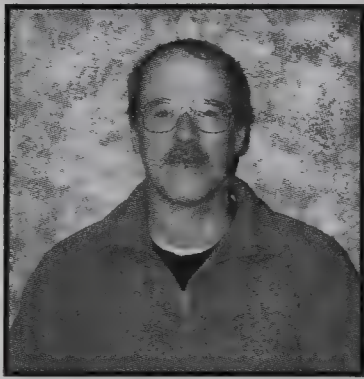
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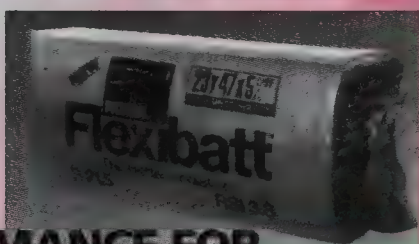
**Commission Appointment
For Gary Burtch****G.J. Burtch
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Gary Burtch has been appointed to The Building Code Commission (BCC). Mr. Burtch learned of his appointment by a phone call from MPP Chris Hodgson. Mr. Hodgson called to extend his personal congratulations to Gary for his hard work and dedication to the home building industry. "He is the right man for the job. I was extremely proud to see his name come forward from your industry."

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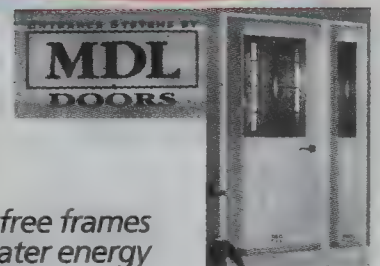
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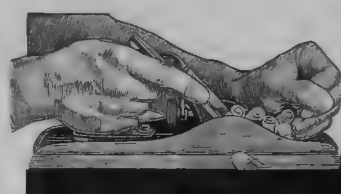
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Wade is an active member of the community. He volunteers his time by helping with the Highland Storm Atom AE Hockey team. This year Wade has again consented to coordinate the 4th Annual Home Builders Charity Hockey tournament. This tournament brings in eighteen teams from all over the province. The 4C's of Haliburton County are the charity of choice. last year Wade presented them with a cheque for \$1,200.00.

Currently Wade is the President of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association. He has made a commitment to this association for two years. The membership is behind Wade and have accepted his challenge to see the association grow. Being a people oriented person, Wade is always open for suggestions or concerns to better customer relations.

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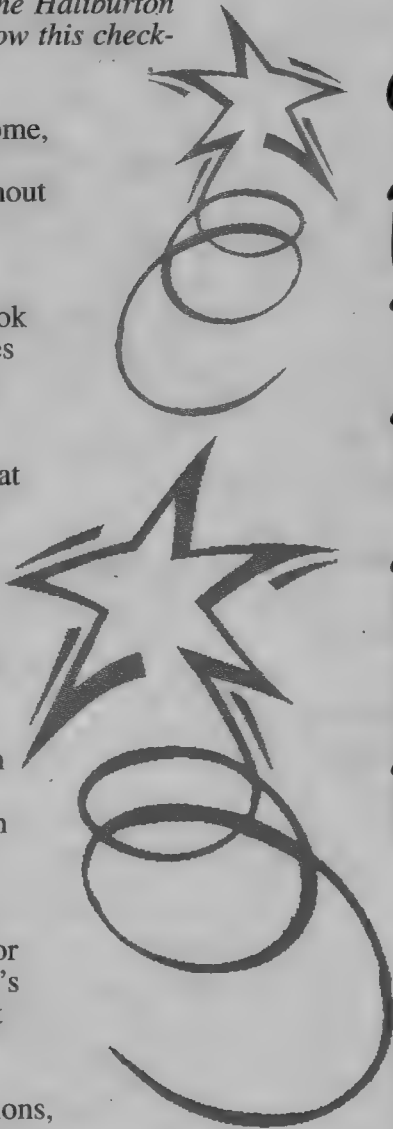
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Planning for the holidays is a busy and joyful time. But all the extra decorations, electrical cords and the parade of people going in and out of your home call for more safety precautions. To help you make this holiday season safe and happy for your family, the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association suggests you follow this checklist for home holiday safety:

1. If you plan to spend the holidays away from home, ask a friend to watch your house and take in your newspaper and mail. Put lights throughout the house on timers to turn them on and off in your normal living pattern.
2. Select a fresh Christmas tree and greenery. Look for a trunk sticky with sap and for green needles that bend and are secure on the branches. If the tree is moist, it is less likely to catch fire.
3. When using a live Christmas tree, cut the base at a 45-degree angle. Place it in a container with water and keep the water level above the cut.
4. Place trees a safe distance away from stoves, radiators, vents, fireplaces and any other heat source that might dry the tree. Inspect the tree for dryness daily.
5. Keep candles and other open flames away from decorations. Never leave burning candles unattended and always supervise children when using candles.
6. Keep a fire extinguisher near the tree. In case of fire leave your home immediately and call for help from a neighbor's home. Plan your family's escape route now — before you need to get out quickly.
7. When disposing of your tree and other decorations, check with the local nurseries or home and garden stores to see if they have set up mulching centres.



8. Inspect all wiring on holiday lights. Defective, worn or frayed electrical wiring should be discarded. Also, be sure to use fixtures specifically designed for outdoor use if you decorate your house, trees or yard.
9. Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord. Also, don't run electrical cords under rugs. Be sure all lights are turned off before you go to bed or leave the house.
10. When buying artificial decorations, check for "flameproof" or "fire retardant" qualities.
11. Keep decorations away from doorways, stairways or other major walking paths.
12. Dispose of wrapping paper in proper trash receptacles. Never burn wrapping paper in a fireplace. Don't burn evergreens in the fireplace or in a wood stove to dispose of them. They could flare out of control.
14. During parties, provide guests who insist on smoking with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently.
15. While you are buying batteries for holiday toys and gifts, pick up extras for your smoke detector.
16. Use caution when you choose toys for infants or small children. Be sure anything you give them is too big to get caught in throats, noses or ears and doesn't have small parts that could be ingested. Also, if you are giving toys to several children in one family, consider the children's age range since younger children often want to play with older children's toys.

Decorations around the house, wrapping paper on gifts, and all the lights make this time of year festive and fun. Your neighbours at the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season.

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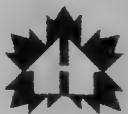
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Ooh, that's interesting: visitors check out pottery at the SSFC art show.

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• Dec. 4: Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 12 noon, Haliburton County Home Support Services Christmas Luncheon at the Haliburton Legion. Entertainment provided by the Gentlemen of Song. Tickets \$10. Reservations by November 21st. Please call 457-2941.

• Dec. 4: Haliburton Home Support Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 4th at 12 noon at the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy a full course Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings! Entertainment by Gentleman of Song. Cost: \$10. Reservations by November 21st. Call 457-2941. Everyone Welcome!

• To Dec. 8: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop, Christmas Sale. Everything 15% off. Nov. 26 to Dec. 8. Mon. to Fri. 1:00-3:30 p.m., Sat. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

• Dec. 5: The new Laryngectomy and Family Support Group welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its third meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society at 727 Lansdowne St. W. in Peterborough, ON. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. CCS phone number is (705) 742-3823.

• Dec. 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. A vigil at noon on Highland Street in Haliburton near the CIBC. All are welcome. Please bring a food item for the food bank to exchange for a candle.

• Dec. 6: The Highland Ladies on the Go Social (Highland LOGS), Thursday, Dec. 6th at 7 p.m. The topic is: "Opportunity to ask questions on Home Maintenance" with Pam Sayne of "Know Your Home Inspections" and Singing around a Player Piano. Contributions to the Food Bank to attend. Please telephone (286-4922 for more information and the location.

• Dec. 6: L.I.F.T. Ladies in Fellowship together at West Guilford Recreation Centre, Thursday, December 6th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Special Feature: Christmas Gift Idea. Music: Toos Reid, Minden. Speaker: Wendy Snelgrove. Please bring 1/2 dozen of your Christmas baking. Come, bring a friend. Information call: Alice 754-2808 or Lyn 457-3155.

• Dec. 9: Annual Service of Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's, Minden on Sunday, Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.

• Dec. 11: The Lochlin Community Centre is having an Old Fashioned Pot Luck Supper. Join us for good food, and fellowship with neighbours and friends! 7 p.m. Admission by donation.

• Dec. 12: Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Carol Sing" is on Dec. 12, (Wed.) 7:30 p.m. Church Rd. off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshment: Hot cider and Christmas Goodies following. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted.

• Dec. 12: Alzheimer Society Support Groups are holding informal support meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Wednesday, Dec. 12th in Minden, Staanworth Terrace, 44 Parkside St., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions or want more info. call Sandi May at the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area, 1-800-561-2588.

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• Dec. 12: Looking for People like you? The Rainbow Youth Coalition hosts a youth group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and 2-spirited youth between the ages of 14 and 25. The group helps to reduce isolation through the sharing of experiences and listening to others. We also get involved in community education and events. The group does not offer counselling or medical advice. Bring a friend if you like! It's held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m. at: Peterborough AIDS Resource Network, 159 King St., Suite 302, Peterborough. For more info. please call Charles at: 800-361-2895 or 705-749-9110.

• Dec. 14: On Friday, Dec. 14th at 6:30, join Fenelon Falls United's Senior Choir for carolling at the Cenotaph Park next to the post office. Information is available at the Church Office (887-3040), from Music Director Shirley Lambert (454-1904) or any choir member.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.



Santa's reward for good shoppers

Marianne Greber may already have all of her Christmas shopping done and paid for, but that doesn't mean she'll have any trouble figuring out how to spend the \$10,000 she won on Friday in the Bingo scratch and win lottery. Greber, left, who works at the V&S Crafts and More store, had the store's owner, Sandy Glecoff, right, pick out the ticket for her across the hall at V&S. At first, Glecoff's pick netted Greber \$26. Greber kept \$20 then had Glecoff pick out \$6 worth of tickets - including the \$10,000 winner. She's never won so much money before and still can't believe her luck.

Poetic contest for youth

League of Canadian Poets is holding the fourth annual Poetic Licence Contest for Canadian Youth. This national celebration of young talent is open to all writers from grade 7 to 12.

First prize national winners in each language and age category will have their winning poems printed on National Poetry Month Posters.

The contest is free to all entrants, with no hidden fees for publication of the winner's work.

The winning poems from last year's Poetic Licence Contest can be found at www.youngpoets.ca. This site is also an

excellent source of inspiration for this year's entrants.

Young writers are encouraged to browse our feature articles, interview a poet on-line, or join the discussion through our chat-room.

The Young Poet's site also features information for educators, offering lesson plans, reading lists, a digital history of Canadian poetry and an on-line discussion group. The deadline for submissions for the Poetic Licence Contest for Canadian Youth is January 15, 2002. Please visit www.poets.ca for official guidelines.

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The Health Unit requires the following:

- accommodation of about 3,800 square feet to house approximately twenty-three staff;
- assigned parking for 40-50 vehicles;
- physically accessible building;
- high visibility location;
- accommodation to include: separated offices; meeting room; reception area; conference room; storage space; lunch room; washrooms; interview room; computer room

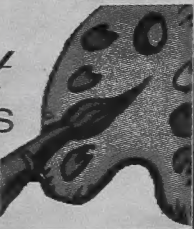
Proposals for an all-inclusive lease for up to a five year term will be accepted until 4:30 pm, December 21, 2001, and should be submitted to Susan Bickle, Director, Administrative Services, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, 200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 3V6, (905) 885-9100, ext. 222, fax: (905) 885-9551, e-mail: sbickle@hkpr.on.ca



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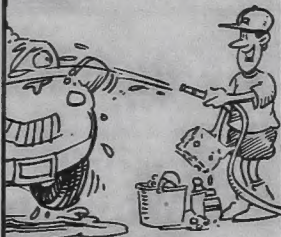
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January 7th - March 8th
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BOB LONG is turning 60.
His family would like to invite all who
know him, to attend a birthday
bash.

December 15th
across from the Dysart arena
at 8:00 p.m.
Bring your singing voices, guitars or
any instruments and sing Bob a
Birthday song, but no gifts please.
P.S. - It's a Surprise so don't tell
Bob!
Any questions call Sue at
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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BRENDA LEA RIPLEY

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of BRENDA LEA
RIPLEY, late, of the Township of
Snowdon, in the county of Haliburton,
who died on or about the 5th day of
November, 2001, are required to file
the particulars of such claim with the
undersigned solicitor for the said Es-
tate on or before the 20th day of De-
cember, 2001.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last
date named, the assets of the said
Estate will be distributed amongst the
persons entitled hereto by the Exec-
utor/Administrator of the Estate, hav-
ing regard only to the claims of which
the solicitor below shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
14th day of November, 2001. RAY-
MOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solic-
itor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario
K0M 1S0.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK RICHARD REID, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of MARK
RICHARD REID, late of the township
of Anson, in the County of Haliburton,
who died on or about the 21st day of
July, 2001, are required to file the par-
ticulars of such claims with the under-
signed solicitors for the said Estate on
or before the 21st day of January, 2002.

AND take notice that after the last day
named, the assets of the said Estate,
will be distributed among the persons
hereto entitled having regard only to
the claims of which the Administrator
for the Estate being Roland Wardrope
Reid, shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
29th day of November, 2001 by BISH-
OP AND ROGERS, Barristers and
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Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the
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440 THANK YOU

A SINCERE THANK YOU to my
friends and family during my recent
surgery, for all their prayers, phone
calls, cards, gifts and visits. To all my
curling buddies, who inquire daily,
thank you. I hope to be back in the
New Year. **Russell Woocock.**

OUR SINCERE THANKS to all the
people that have helped mother dur-
ing the past few years. The caregiv-
ers Bonita, Pat, Hazel, Carol and Tho-
ra for their kindness and support. Al-
so the V.O.N. Laurel for her kindness.
Our thanks also to Dr. Hartwick for
caring for her for over twenty years,
to Ruby and Harold Alden for always
being there for her. We thank every-
one for their contributions of food, flow-
ers, and for donations to the charity
of your choice, also for your support
in sending cards with comforting mes-
sages. We sincerely thank Rev. Chris-
topher Greaves for his prayers at
mother's bedside and for the comfort-
ing words at the service. Our thanks
also for the use of St. Margaret's An-
glican Church, the Lloyd Watson Cen-
tre and for the lunch served by the
Legion Ladies Branch 624. Our appre-
ciation to the Gordon A. Monk Funer-
al Home for their assistance and sup-
port. God Bless - **The family of the
late Nora Billings.**

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all our
sneaky family and friends for our sur-
prise 25th anniversary party. It was
wonderful. Thank you to all who
helped prepare for the party and for
the great food. Special thanks to our
kids. **Don and Irma Pasquino.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSTON, GLEN MICHAEL - In
loving memory of a dear brother who
passed away Dec. 5, 1989.
Beautiful memories,
Are wonderful things,
They last til the longest day,
They never wear out,
They never get lost,
And can never be given away,
To some you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memories will always last.
Sadly missed and always remem-
bered by **sister Lynda, Blake and
family.**

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450 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSTON, GLEN MICHAEL - In
memory of a dear brother who passed
away suddenly Dec. 5, 1989.
For yesterday and You

A thousand words can't bring you
back,
We know, because we tried.
And neither will a million tears
We know, because we cried
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The night God called you home.

Our Loss, Heaven's Gain.
Lovingly remembered and sadly
missed by **sister Carolyn, Brad,
Mike and Jason.**

JONES, ADA - In loving memory of
a dear wife, mother and grandmoth-
er, who passed away December 4,
2000.

Gone are the days we used to
share,
But in our hearts you are always
there,
The gates of memory will never
close,
We miss you more than anyone
knows,
With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you will never forget.
Gord and family.

JONES, ADA - In loving memory of
our friend and sister-in-law who
passed away Dec. 4, 2000.
In a quiet country grave yard
Where the gentle breezes blow
Lies a friend we loved so dearly
And lost one year ago.
We do not need a special day
to bring her to our mind
For the days we do not think of her
Are very hard to find.
Rowatt, Vera and family.

MATHEWS, BENJAMIN DANIEL -
In loving memory of our son Ben. Jan.
25/62 - Dec. 6/79.

God put your arms around him
Keep him in your care
Make up for all he suffered
And all that was fair
He was someone very special
Who can never be replaced
His memory in our daily lives
Can never be erased
Time can not steal the memories
We carry in our hearts
Nor take away the happy years
Of which he was a part.
Never forgotten and always loved **Dad
and Mom.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR
CLASSIFIEDS
is Friday at 5 p.m.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

UPTON, EVERETT - In memory of
Everett Upton, Dec. 1, 1991.
Loving memories never die
As years roll on and days pass by.
In our hearts a memory is kept
Of the one we love and will never
forget.
Sadly missed by **daughter Betty, Jim
and family.**

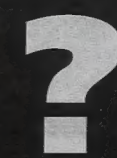
460 OBITUARIES

NEWBATT, RUFUS ARTHUR - In
loving memory of Rufus Arthur New-
batt. At Meaford General Hospital, on
Monday, November 26, 2001 in his
87th year. Beloved husband of the
late Elmona Collier (1969) and the late
Ethel King (2001). Rufus was prede-
ceased by his brothers Alfred, La-
wrence, Clifton, Eldridge, sister Lyla
and granddaughter Bonnie. Loving
father of Lela McCoil (Clayton), Bar-
bara Shendelman, Art (Sue), Ron
(Shannon), Joan Tretheway (John),
Jim, Ivan (Joanne), Lorraine Vachon
(Jay), Vernon (Anita). Loving stepfa-
ther of Morley (Marilyn), Murray
(Gayle) and Tom (Marilyn) Watson,
Darlene McDowell (David) and Kar-
en Saltarelli (Rick). Survived by sister
Gladys Watson, brother-in-laws Ver-
dun Collier and Daniel King, sister-in-
laws Merthalene Broughton and Ruth
Young; many grandchildren, great
grandchildren, nieces, nephews and
friends across Canada. The family re-
ceived friends at the HALIBURTON
COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME,
Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)
457-9209 on Thursday afternoon,
November 29, 2001 from 2-4 and 7-
9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the
Chapel on Friday morning, Novem-
ber 30, 2001 at 11 o'clock. Interment
Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As
expressions of sympathy donations to
the Errinrurg Palliative Care Pro-
gram Thornbury, Ontario would be
appreciated by the family.
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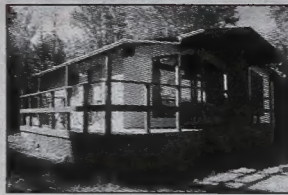
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 Cozy starter, 2 bedrms., 648 sq. ft. New drilled well, large residential lot, 125' x 335' - 1.49 acres. Suitable for students, tenants for new college. \$39,900 Call Ted Vasey



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 3 bedroom Viceroy cottage, pine drywall interior, carpet throughout, fully insulated, 100 amp, modern septic, 2 acres: Private. Asking \$55,000 Call Ted Vasey



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 Winter's coming!... snowmobiling, skiing or curling up with a book next to the fireplace, enjoy the season in this 3 bdrm, cedar cottage on the Gull River. Reduced to sell. \$87,900 Call Tom & Gail Tempest.



NORTH ROAD
 Neat & tidy, well kept 3 bdrm home w/ a private 1.18 acre setting. Insulated & wired single car garage. Great home or ski chalet. \$89,900. Call Ken Barry.



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 With large garage/workshop. Fronting on Hwy. #121. Ideal for home business operation. \$99,900 Call Linda Beachli



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SALERNO LAKE
 Private 3 bdrm Viceroy cottage, winterized except water on full unfun. bsmt, fp & walk-outs from sunken living room, master bdrm & guest rm to decks. Level lot at cottage slopes to sand & rock shore. \$129,900. Call Julie Gray



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 One of Haliburton's finest lakes, this 3 bdrm cottage sits on a level lot with clean sand beach. Septic installed in '99.. \$136,900. Call Laurel McCauley



99 ACRE FARM
 Well maintained 4 bdrm farmhouse w 21'x36' barn. Currently used as a bait shop. 20'x20' workshop/garage. \$145,000. Call Ken Barry



COZY
 Winterized 2 bedroom cottage with winter water & propane/wood heat. Attractive pine interior. Large front deck & great privacy. Main floor laundry. Pullout couch. \$189,700 Call Cathy Lancia



LAKE LORRAINE
 12 acres & cottage with over 1500 ft of shoreline. Cottage is 1800 sq ft with 5 bedrms. Secluded & level lot with sand beach. \$209,853. Call Vince Duchene



CANNING LAKE
 Totally renovated in '91. Nicely landscaped, fully winterized cottage is private & gated. Mod kit, airtight FP, w/o from lvg rm & encl sunroom to new front & side decks. New septic in '91. \$219,000. Call Julie Gray



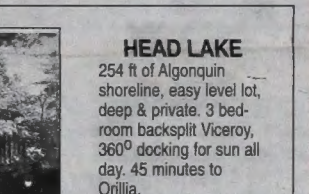
DOWNHILL SKIERS ATTENTION!!!
 3400 sq ft chalet at base of Sir Sam's Ski Area. 5 bedrms, 3 baths, deeded access to lake & much more. Call to view. \$229,000. Call Vince Duchene



EAST MOORE LAKE
 Family compound. Two complete cottages on 125ft southerly facing lot. Private. Sandy beach and sunsets. \$249,000. Adjacent 100ft vacant waterfront separately deeded lot priced at \$110,000. Call Tom & Gail Tempest



HUNTING AND FISHING LODGE
 4000 rented acres of private hunting grounds, 6 equipped housekeeping units and 3 bedroom residence. 505 ft of sand beach and rock frontage on pristine Little Kennis lake. \$621,000 Call Cathy Lancia



PRIVATE RETREAT SPRUCE LAKE
 4 bdrm, 2800 sq ft Scandinavian log home/cottage. Pine ceiling, ash floors, f/p, 2 baths, full bsmt, & 1800 sq ft timber-frame garage. 34 acres, 660' lake frontage. Boat to Drag Lake. \$898,000 Call Linda & Troy



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 5 min from Haliburton, 1 km to golf & access to Kashag Lake, fronting on small pond with a 2000 sq ft Viceroy home just 6 yrs old. \$289,900 Call Vince Duchene



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 Custom built W/F home, separate 2 bdrm guest cabin. Large wrap around deck. Superb workmanship throughout, hardwood flooring, cedar vaulted ceiling. Designer kitchen, central vac, geo thermal heating. \$295,000 Call Bill Kulas



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 Close to town, private 4 bdrm, 4 bath, 4 fireplace stone & wood. Extensive landscaping, exterior stone, patios & fountains. Ideal bed and breakfast. \$339,000 Call Linda Beachli



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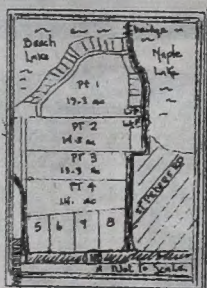
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ONLY 4 LOTS LEFT

- #4 14.0 acres, \$35,000
- #6 5.7 acres, \$25,000
- #7 5.6 acres, \$25,000
- #8 5.3 acres, \$28,000

Call Norm Harrison 286-2911



4.45 ACRE BUILDING LOT
 Well wooded property with moderate slope close to Pinestone, lake access & town. Year round road with hydro, phone. \$8,500 Call Laurel McCauley



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